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By Ruben V. Nepales LA Correspondent

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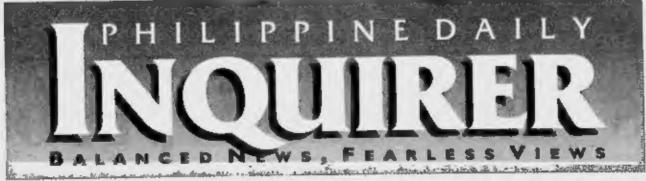
#### **Apec steel fences** rented from Bayani?



By Juliet Labog-Javellana

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA (Via PLDT)-The fences looked strangely familiar, except for the color.

Even President Maca-



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## Apec leaders push global trade talks to final phase

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA-PACIFIC RIM leaders yesterday pledged their political will and flexibility to bring faltering global trade talks into their final phase this year, wrapping up their annual summit that also struck an agreement on tackling global warming.

"There has never been a more urgent need to make progress" in world trade negotiations, according was final statement released by leaders of the 21-member Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) forum, which includes trading powers China, Japan and the United States.

Negotiations in the so-called Doha round resumed in Geneva last week on the basis of two new proposals to break a deadlock between rich and poor nations over how much to cut barriers in agricultural and industrial trade.

The Doha round was launched in the Qatari capital in November 2001 to help poor countries Improve their lot · through freer trade rules.

Negotiations have stumbled over reducing farm subsidies in the United States, Europe and Japan, and scaling back industrial tariffs in emerging markets like China, India, Brazil and South Africa.

Apec leaders said the overall success of the WTO negotiations would depend on early progress in bridging gaps in those two critical areas.

"We pledge the political will, flexibility and ambition to ensure the Dona Round negotiations enter their final phase this year," the leaders' statement said. "We call on our WTO partners to join in this vital effort."

## RP, China to review broadband project



PRESIDENTS Macapagai-Arroyo of the Philippines and Hu Jintao of China shake APEC LEADERS/ A8 hands before the start of their bilateral talks at the Sofitel Hotel in Sydney.

## Cabinet to take up deal and recommend action

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

SYDNEY (VIA PLDT)—ON THE SIDELINES OF THE ASIA-Pacific Economic Cooperation Summit here, President Macapagal-Arroyo talked with Chinese President Hu Jintao yesterday about the controversial national broadband network (NBN) project whose \$329-million contract was won by China's ZTE Corp.

The meeting, called at the last minute, came amid calls from leaders of the Philippine Congress to scrap the ZTE contract, which was allegedly attended by bribery and overpricing.

The day before, Ms Arroyo said she would await the recommendation of her officials before deciding what to do about the NBN contract.

At the meeting between the Philippine and Chinese leaders, there was no specific mention of the ZTE contract, only the NBN project, Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said yesterday.

The NBN is envisioned to establish a seamless connectivity of landline, cellular and Internet services among all government offices nationwide.

Bunye said the two leaders had a brief discussion on the NBN project un-

By Amando Doronila

bayan brings closure

to the six-year trial of

the P4-billion plun-

JUST AS THE SANDIGAN-

der case against deposed Presi-

dent Joseph Estrada, the Senate

has reopened hearings on the

contentious "Hello Garcil" wire-

der the subject of ODA (official development assistance).

"She assured President Hu that she would discuss the matter with her Cabinet. In the meantime, she suggested that Trade Secretary Peter Favila and Chinese Commerce Minister Bo Xilai work together to resolve the issue. President Hu agreed with President Arroyo's suggestion," Bunye said.

China and the Philippines signed a \$1.8-billion loan agreement on Aug. 25 in Makati.

Favila said last week that \$400-miltion of the loan facility to be extended by China Export-Import Bank was not specifically intended for any project. He said it was up to the Philippines to "nominate" a project for funding.

#### ANTISMUGGLING DRIVE

## Is there a Palace bagman in Subic?

(First of two parts)

SUBIC BAY FREEPORT USED to be the United States' largest naval base outside the mainland. Security there used to be tight and impregnable.

Bur under the administration of President Macapagal-Arroyo, such things as smuggling cars-and oil-on a significant scale cannot even be stopped.

The activity goes on under the watch of the Bureau of

**SMUGGLERS** have

nationally televised wrecking of hot luxury cars at the

Subic Freeport on

Aug. 16 as a sham.

LYN RILLON

dismissed the

Metropolitan Authority, two presidential task forces, the

Trans-EAM Report portation Office and sundry police and

military groups.

One concerned Subic official, who requested anonymity, says in a letter to the INQUIRER that

Customs, the Subic Bay included documents on results of official investigations:

"The glaring fact is one of cañang's favorite generals earlier dispatched to Subic to

check on smuggling activities ironically ended up coddling the smugglers himself.

"By virtue of his position,

this 'bagman' of Malacanang has always been involved in the thick of the investigation whenever a smuggling case comes up, as with the gas/oil fuel smuggling and the recent turury cars controversy.

"No matter how much effort and vigilance honest free port officials might exert, the problem of smuggling can never be solved if the culprit is one of

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#### Goods cannot be released without official knowledge

By Tonette Orejas Inquirer Central Luxon

SUBIC BAY FREEPORT-WHAT is the extent of car smuggling at the free port? Who are the smugglers and the government officials they are allegedly conspiring with?

These questions came up after three backhoes destroyed 18 cars here on Aug. 16 in a nationally televised show of resolve to stop the smuggling of cars that has deprived the nation of billions of pesos in tax revenues.

Retired Lt. Gen. Jose Calimlim, senior deputy administrator for operations at the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA), estimates that out of



Senate has been nemesis

of both Estrada, GMA

tapped tapes.

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be open-ended.

This time, President

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Macapagal-Arroyo is

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on the carpet, accused of attempt-

ing to tamper with the 2004 pres-

idential election returns.

DEPOSED President Joseph Estrada visits his ailing mother at the San Juan Medical Center.

## Erap sees 102-yr-old mother in hospital bed

By Jocelyn R. Uy and Kristine L. Alave

HE CAME TO ASK FOR HER blessing before confronting his fate. There were no tears shed, no words uttered. Only a brief gaze passed between them be- scribed yesterday's private fore she fell back to sleep.

"Mama, mama, si Joseph ito (This is Joseph)," the country's once most powerful man called out to his mother several times. trying to rouse her back to consciousness.

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## Senators want 'Garci' probe halted

## Congressmen look into charging Doble with perjury for lying to them

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

AFTER GANGING UP ON THE EX-MILITARY INtelligence agent who admitted leaking the "Hello Garci" tape, administration senators yesterday called for the scrapping of the Senate hearing on the wiretapping scandal until the opposition came up with a more credible witness than former T/Sgt. Vidal Doble Jr., formerly with the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (Isafp).

"As far as I'm concerned, said he did not fear his Isafp suthere is no need for another periors), when he appeared at hearing," said Sen. Joker Arroyo, who had described Doble as a "polluted source" and a

"perjured witness." Sen. Richard Gordon, another administration senator, wanted Doble jailed for perjuring himself after he changed his testimony at the House of Representatives (where he claimed he was not a wiretapper) and at the Court of Appeals (where he

the Senate last Friday.

At the same time, administration congressmen are looking into taking legal action against Doble for lying in the House probe of the "Hello Garci" controversy in 2005.

Isabela Rep. Edwin Uy said Doble's testimony at the Senate on Friday contradicted what he had told the congressmen under oath two years ago.

"The House cannot let this pass," Uy said. "Otherwise, anyone can peddle tales and parade liars as witnesses in our investigations. That will put to question the credibility of our future investigations and their re-

Doble, however, had explained away the contradictions in his statements as being the result of threats to his life and that of his family at the time.

Presidential legal adviser Sergio Apostol has also pressed for charges against Doble.

#### Stop stonewalling

Opposition Sen. Panfilo Lacson, however, yesterday urged Malacañang to stop stonewalling and allow Remedios "Medy" Poblador, identified as a close aide of President Macapagal-Arroyo's, to appear at the Senate and explain her role in the "Helio Garci" wiretapping scandal cover-up.

This after Doble told the sen-

ators on Friday that Poblador depending on the circumhad offered to help his family when they met at Camp Aguinaldo where he was taken by Bishop Socrates Villegas from San Carlos seminary where he had sought refuge with former National Bureau of Investigation director Samuel Ong to whom he had given the master copy of the "Hello Garci"

Gordon said that under the Revised Penal Code, the crime of perjury or the act of knowingly making untruthful statements under oath on a material matter is punishable by imprisonment of at least six months,

Opposition Sen. Aquilino Pimentel Jr., however, said Doble did not commit perjuty when he changed his House testimony.

"It is not unusual for a witness to change his testimony. As a lawyer who has long been practicing criminal law, I can say that a witness may give a new version of his testimony

stances," Pimentel said.

He, however, concurred with the administration senators who said that "Doble's revised testimony would carry more weight and be more believable if there were other witnesses to corroborate it."

#### **Next hearing Friday**

The Senate committees on defense and security, accountability of public officers and investigation, and constitutional amendments are scheduled to hold another hearing on Friday.

But Malacañang has indicated it would invoke Executive Order 464 to prevent Cabinet and military officials from testifying in the Senate without the President's permission.

Pimentel said the Senate would definitely summon Poblador who was identified by both Doble and Bishop Villegas as having played a role in the al-

leged Palace moves to stop the wiretapping exposé from getting out of hand.

The "Hello Garci" tape purportedly contains wiretapped conversations between President Arroyo and former Election Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano on a one-million vote margin for the former over Pernando Poe Jt in the 2004 presidential polls.

Lacson said more questions needed to be answered now that Malacañang's role had been bared by Doble, and Bishop Villegas in a letter.

"I urge Malacañang to bring Medy Poblador out to bare the truth. (Cabinet Secretary Ricar do) Saludo's statement that Mcdy acted on her own in misleading the bishop that a military assault on San Carlos seminary was imminent on June 13. 2005, simply insults the intelligence," said Lacson. With a report from Christian V. Esguer-

## Medy and me not only ones who ride with GMA-Lupita K.

By Chrisitine Q. Avendaño

WELL-KNOWN TELEVISION director Lupita Kashiwahara said yesterday she was amused when she heard opposition Sen. Panfilo Lacson say that she and presidential aide Remedios "Medy" Poblador were the only ones allowed the privilege of riding in the presidential car with President Macapagal-Ar-

Kashiwahara, who serves as the media consultant of the President, said Lacson got his informa-

disclosure at last week's new Senate probe of the "Helio Garci"

On the contrary, she said, many Cabinet members had ridden in the presidential car with Ms Ar-

Likewise, in the President's provincial sorties, local officials ride with her from the airport to wherever they are going, according to Kashiwahara, a sister-inlaw of former President Corazon Aquino.

She cired as an example the re-

tion all wrong when he made the cent visit of Ms Arroyo to Capiz, where she and Sen. Mar Roxas both rode in the presidential car.

"If Lacson can get his information wrong here, what other information did he get wrong and dish out?" Kashiwahara said in a of the "Hello Garo" tapes. phone interview.

Ar the first joint hearing of the "Heilo Garci" controversy last Friday, Lacson identified Poblador, an undersecretary doing legislative liaison work, as a personal confidante of the President after former military intelligence agent Vidal Doble said a certain "Medy"

was the one responsible for his departure from the San Carlos seminary in Makati City where he had sought refuge, and consequently, his failure to disclose his full involvement in the recording

It was Balanga Bishop Socrates Villegas who revealed in a letter to the senators that Poblador had called him up to ask his help in getting Doble out of the seminary to prevent the military from having to do the job.

With Poblador arranging for and have not heard her mention

the bishop's trip to Manila in a helicopter, Villegas proceeded to the seminary and asked Doble to leave. His family, he told him, was waiting for him at Camp Aguinaldo in Quezon City. Coming to the defense of

Poblador, Kashiwahara expressed sadness over the way she has been portrayed. "Medy is a very hard-working

person, extremely honest, low profile and she doesn't toot her horn," Kashiwahara said.

"I see Medy almost every day

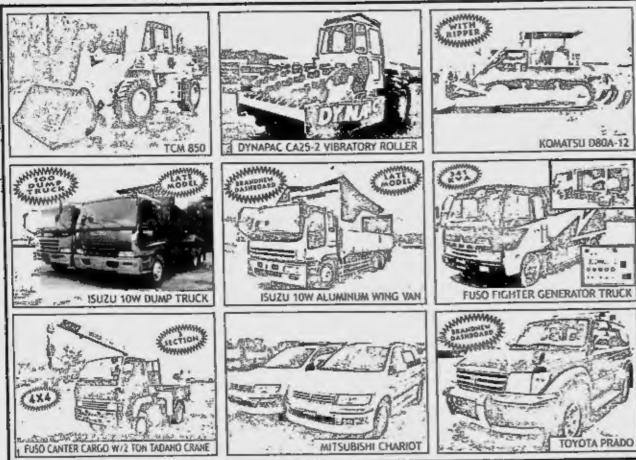
any involvement in that incident two years ago," she said.

She said she spoke to Poblador after Doble and Lacson's revelations and the latter was "cool and calm" about it.

"Obviously, she did not regard her action in any negative way," Kashiwahara said.

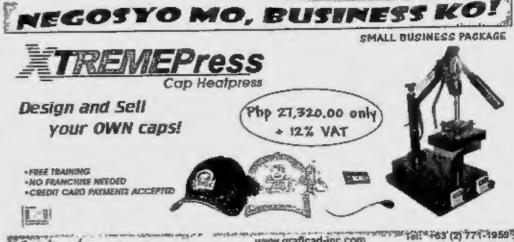
As to who the President's confidantes were, Kashiwahara said: "From what I've seen and observed, the President has faith and confidence in all the people she appoints. That's her style of governance."





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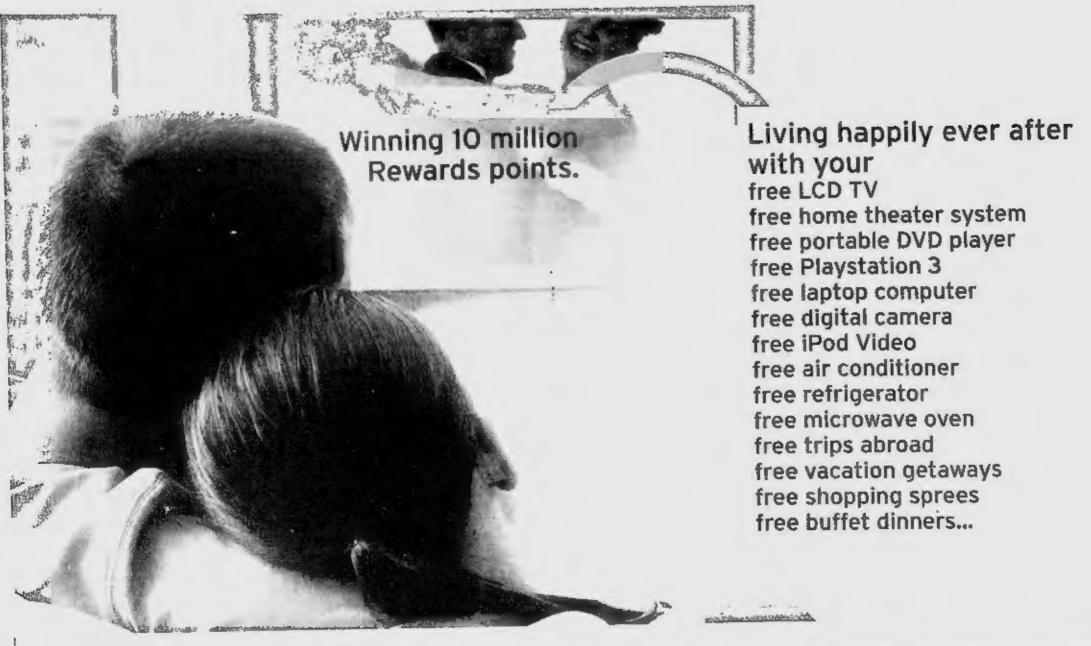
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## Is there a Palace bagman in Subic?

The Subic Freeport has become known derisively as the home of the generals."

There, an increasing number of retired generals are appointed consultants of private com-panies doing business and live in luxury villas.

And there, in what can very well be a smuggler's paradise, everyone's dream car can be shad for practically a song, if you Shelleve customs officials based there.

Such sports car treasures as Porsches, Lamborghinis, Fergraris and BMWs have an appraised value of as ridiculously low as \$1,000, according to official documents provided by investigators to the INQUIRER.

Mind-boggling

In fact, a Porsche twin-turbo sells for \$90,000 to \$100,000 in the foreign market. Add a 100percent tax if sold here and the money a smuggler can make is simply mind-boggling-especially if the appraiser at Subic puts a value of \$1,000 on it for tax purposes.

Each luxury car that is driven out of the sprawling port is not only depriving the treasury of badly needed tax revenues, it is slowly subverting the manufacturing sector and is helping

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could deal with Jesus.

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the Sabbath? If he did, they could accuse him.

ber that we live in mystery with Christ in God!

truth and his care for other human beings?

life or destroy it?" And Jesus looked around at them all.

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23rd Week in Ordinary Time

On another Sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and began teach-

But Jesus knew their thoughts and said to the man, "Get up and

Then he said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it

out and his hand was restored, becoming as whole as the other. But

they were furlous and began to discuss with one another how they

Paul speaks not only of his sufferings for the gospel but also his joy be-

cause he fills up what is lacking in the sufferings of Christ, on behalf of the

Church. The mystery of Christ that is preached is the mystery of the cross

and resurrection. Our life in Christ entails bearing our cross and dying

and living in the Lord together. We are to be united in love, struggling for

and with one another, and strengthening one another. We are to remem-

and minds of those who are withered with insensitivity, self-righteous-

ness, and judgmentalism are indignant. Jesus is about life, giving life,

preserving life for all, most especially for those whose lives are on the

brink, on the edge. This protection of life, this healing and care for all

people from the womb to the tomb, provokes a frenzy of rage. And the

people are intent at going after Jesus. Do we share Jesus' dedication to the

Jesus heals a man with a withered hand on the Sabbath and the hearts

stand in the middle." Then he spoke to them, "I want to ask you; what

is allowed by the Law on the Sabbath, to do good or to do harm, to save

ing. There was a man with a paralyzed right hand and the teachers of

the Law and the Pharisees watched him: Would Jesus heal the man on

keep the nation a povertystricken Third World economy.

Why is this so?

For the mass of Filipinos, access to the most visible form of wealth has been denied by the general failure of the agrarian reform program over the past two decades because of resistance of the hacenderos and plantation owners.

The one surefire way to social mobility through a good education in the era of globalization has been derailed by corruption, incompetence and ineptitude over the past three decades, academics say.

#### Factory or airport

For those who have acquired some skills, the way out of the rut in impoverished rural areas wracked by income inequality, violence and insurgency is the factory that businessmen say should be the focus of government attempts to industrialize, or the airport to become a worker overseas.

But it is in the manufacturing sector that a failure of governance as exemplified by rampant smuggling is increasingly being felt.

Executives at the Ford and Toyota plants in the Philippines have raised warning signals on the impact on the automotive industry of smuggling at Subic and other such free ports as

Col 1:24-2:3

Luke 6:6-11

those in Cebu and Davao.

Take Ford Philippines as an example. A decade ago, it set up a \$200-million plant in Santa Rosa City in Laguna, hoping it will capture a profitable percentage of vehicle sales of up to 200,000 units by this year.

At that time, the industry sold around 160,000 vehicles, including 30,000 completely built units (CBUs) and 130,000 completely knocked down (CKD) cars assembled in the local plants.

#### Market in doldrums

But the market has been in the doldrums since for a host

The financial crisis that hit Southeast Asia and also engulfed the Philippines in 1997, set back sales in the automotive industry in the region. In the Philippines, sales were down by 50 percent.

The excise tax regime changed

dramatically Luxury cars and SUVs were slapped up to 100percent tax. The forging of a free trade agreement in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations is also providing a downbeat outlook as it will open up the local market and allow importation from neighboring countries.

But rampant smuggling has done more to inflict serious damage on the industry.

Automotive industry figures by last year showed car sales were down to around 100,000 units but smuggled cars in circulation went up to a whopping 70,000.

#### Industry in distress

Ford is among the major car makers hit hard. All are now operating at 20-25 percent of capacity.

"The industry is in distress," says one executive. "Unless something is done, it will just continue to decline."

At the rate the Philippine

plants are now operating, it is too inefficient or costly to be able to compete with other producers in Southeast Asia that have overcome the financial crisis of the late 1990s and whose sales are now back to where they were before disaster struck.

There, because of economies of scale, the cost of production is lower. Here, because of "underutilization," cost of production is higher.

#### Suppliers closing down

Industry sources say a number of factories supporting the car plants have either closed down or have laid off workers, particularly those that are engaged in the manufacturing of spare parts, glass, carpets and seat uphoistery.

Without demand, local suppliers of assembly plants cannot sustain their own operations, which are no longer viable. Spare parts then have to be imported.

Skilled workers who cannot find jobs are forced to flee the country for jobs overseas.

It is a vicious cycle.

Smugglers are laughing at the nationally televised wrecking of 18 supposed luxury cars at the Subic Freeport on Aug. 16 that the President had ordered. They dismiss it as nothing more than a "moro moro"-a sham.

Top officials of the Subic Preeport are finger-pointing at each other on why imported cars are being smuggled right under their very noses.

The auto executive says if the investigators will look around, the culprits should be easily identified.

"Cars are not a perishable commodity like fruits or vegetables," he says. "There's a paper trail, Just look at it." (To be continued tomorrow.)

## Goods cannot be released without official

From page Al the 60,000 cars and heavy equipment imported yearly through the free port, 3,000 are without import permits.

A car "importer," who admits participating in smuggling activities at the free port since 2001, has put the "loose" cars at 3,000 to 5,000 a year. He says only "token" seizures were being conducted by the SBMA and the Bureau of Customs.

Calimlim, chief of Task Force Subic that was created by President Macapagal-Arroyo to stop car smuggling through the sprawling former American naval base, says he is having a tough time.

His own report reflects this. Over a one-year period following his appointment in 2004, Calimlim had seized only 36 vehicles. He confesses he could not pinpoint who the culprits are and if he knew he could not reveal their names anyway because "threats on my life are terrible."

Marietta Zamoranos, Bureau of Customs collector at Subic, also cannot give names, although critics say it is quite easy to track down smuggled cars because there is a paper trail. Cars are registered with the Land Transportation Office.

"Their schemes are hi-tech," Zamoranos says. Pressed what she means by that, she says: "People in the know would not know. They have changed gears."

Undersecretary Antonio Villar Jr., chief of the newly formed Presidential Anti-Smuggling

Group, is said to have a watch list of smugglers, which he would not disclose.

Jesus Arranza, president of the Pederation of Philippine Industries and chair of the FPI's antismuggling committee, says: "I cannot tell you who are actually smuggling in the cars. It's difficult to substantiate. But the goods cannot come out without the connivance of people in authority."

SBMA Administrator Armand Arreza offers an explanation on why no suspects or a few suspects have cropped up.

"In the majority of smuggling cases, there is an absence of admission permits and gate passes. This practice is commonly referred to as 'swing.' Smuggled goods typically have no documentary trail. We are trying to identify the individuals who are involved in 'swing' activities and will persecute them fully," Arreza said.

At least 35 Subic-registered companies engaged in importing vehicles had been delisted for "possible import-export violations," not necessarily smuggling.

#### Possible suspects

The car smuggler identified two possible suspects.

The first is Pampanga-based and is a relative of a man killed last year over what was believed to be a conflict among car smuggiers at the free port. His activities were the subject of an Aug. 31, 1999, confidential memorandum by an SBMA security consultant.

That man was described in

the memo as a "notorious broker." His name does not appear in available apprehension reports or in lists of consignees.

The second is said to be close Customs Commissioner Napoleon Morales.

"I don't know him," Morales said when the Inquirer mentioned the man's name to him.

The man was not available for interview as he was reportedly in Talwan. His name appeared twice in the summary of 264 cars imported from June 1997 to August 1998.

#### Unsettled issue

The amuggling issue has hounded the Subic Freeport since 1993, in the time of SB-MA's first chair and now Sen. Richard Gordon.

His successor, former Bataan Rep. Felicito Payumo, had constantly raised the issue, saying used Subic's smugglers Freeport status (the policy of free flow of goods) to bring in tax-free imported cars. Gordon has denied that smuggling happened under his stint.

When Payumo took over the helm of the SBMA, it was Gordon who questioned the smuggling activities, this time on used and right-hand drive cars.

In a Sept. 30, 2005, hearing by the Senate committees on government corporations and public enterprises, Gordon said that out of 90,000 smuggled cars that passed through the free port from 2000 to 2003, only 128

were re-exported abroad.

At a tax of P100,000 per vehicle, he says government might have lost P45 billion in taxes for the same period.

Subic auctioneers and assemblers have shrugged off Gordon's allegations, saying the importation gave birth to an industry that provided Filipinos with affordable cars.

They mounted a lobby up to the Supreme Court to junk Ms Arroyo's Executive Order No. 156 that banned car importation through the Subje Freeport. They won.

#### Issue won't die down

The smuggling issue, spanning three presidents and four SBMA administrations, has refused to die down.

For one, there has been a rise in the importation of luxury vehicles by Subic-based trading firms.

From a low of nine units in the first three months of 2006, the number rose to 272 in the succeeding three quarters of the year, From January to February 2007 alone, 89 cars have entered the free port.

"Ford, Toyota, Nissan and other big capital investors are all relocating to other countries because they are losing money from technical smuggling. They told [Ms Arroyo that] if no measures are taken, they would most likely resort to massive layoffs," says an Inquirer source in Malacañang to explain the destruction of 18 cars on Aug. 16.



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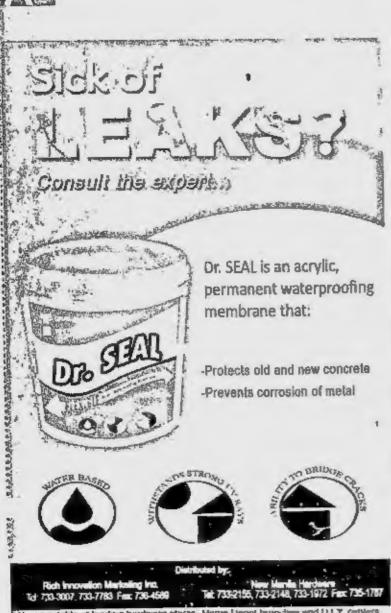
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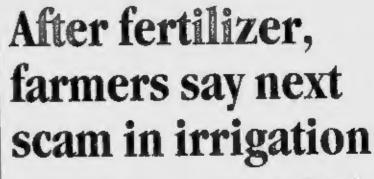
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By Christian V. Esquerra.

AFTER THE P728-MILLION FERtilizer fund scam in 2004, could another scandal be far behind after the government quietly released at least P3.1 billion for irrigation projects just months before last May's elections?

The militant farmers group Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas (KMP) yesterday called for a congressional investigation of the hefty allocation, expressing doubt it actually went toward the rehabilitation of irrigation facilities around the country.

There is a certain stink to this and we fear that once again the funds allotted for farmers were used to bankroll the election campaign of the administration-but this time it is at least three times bigger than the fertilizer scam," said KMP president Rafael Mari-

The allocation was revealed by Bayan Muna party-list Rep. Satur Ocampo during the House committee on appropriations' deliberations on the Department of Agriculture's 2008 budget last week.

The KMP said the P3.1-billion outlay was released in two tranches before the May 14 elections-P500 million was issued in January and the balance of P2.6 billion two months later.

Under questioning by Ocampo, Agriculture Secretary Arthur Yap said the release of the funds just before the May elections was merely "coincidental."

That was the period when we really needed to repair (the irrigation facilities) because there was no rain," Yap said. "The dry season is the best time to undertake infrastructure repairs for irrigation."

A document shown to the IN-QUINER by KMP secretary general Danilo Ramos included a list of 37 "focus provinces" that were sup-

posed to have received portions of the P3.1-billion irrigation budget.

But a check with the National Irrigation Authority offices in some of the provinces showed "projects had not been started and a small number had not been completed," Mariano said.

"When we asked the local NIA (offices) what was taking (them) so long, they replied that the funds had (not) been released," he said. "How could that be when the funds were made available as early as January? This contradicts Secretary Yap's statement that it was released at that time to (take advantage of) the dry weather."

If irrigation rehabilitation work had really been undertaken during the dry season, Mariano said provinces like Isabela, Quirino, Cagayan, Nueva Vizcaya, Ilocos Norte, Kalinga and Tarlac would not have suffered during the recent dry spell that devastated their crops.

Mariano pegged the destruction in these areas at P638 mil-

In some areas like Nueva Ecija, he said the government had come up with "showcase projects ... so that the people would think everything was above-board."

"Majority of the supposed target areas for irrigation works had seen no such thing for the past six months," he said.

"We think they (DA officials) learned from the P728-million fertilizer fund scam so now they make showcase projects and present these to the media," Mariano

The fertilizer fund scarn refers to the alleged diversion of P278 million intended for fertilizer purchases for farmers nationwide but which funds supposedly ended up in the administration party's coffers during the 2004 election campaign period.

## Suspended over forgery

THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMIS- prosecution had established that sion has suspended a official the medical certificate was indeed of the Light Rail Transit Author- spurious and Salvana had not ity for three months for submitting a forged medical certificate to justify a sick leave.

The LRTA had accused lawyer Aurora Salvana, a division manager, of grave misconduct and falsification of official documents, among other charges.

Salvana had submitted a medical certificate supposedly signed by a Dr. Grace Marie Blanco who subsequently testified under oath that she had not examined Salvana and did not issue or sign a medical certificate for her.

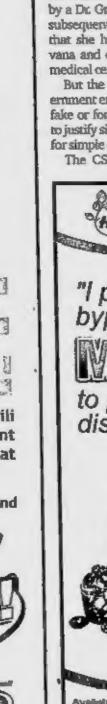
But the CSC ruled that a govemment employee who submits a fake or forced medical certificate to justify sick leave was liable only for simple dishonesty.

The CSC said that while the

even bothered to present any proof to the contrary, it was still not convinced that Salvana had committed grave misconduct.

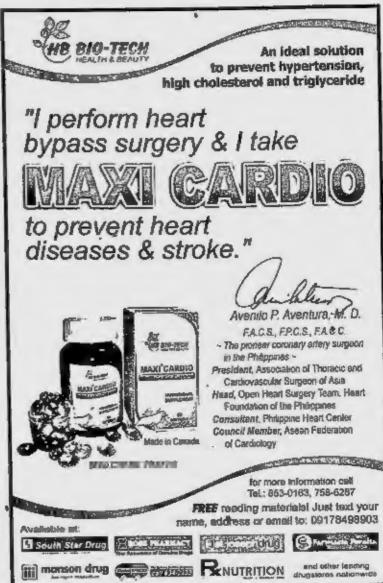
"Her dishonest act ... did not cause damage or prejudice to the government and had no direct relation to or did not involve (her) duties and responsibilities ... The same is true with the faisification she committed, where the information falsified was not related to her employment," the CSC said.

Salvana was appointed officer in charge of LRTA's administrative department but when she was transferred to handle special projects, she filed for sick leave on the same day which she tried to cover up with the fake medical certifi-





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## GMA on Apec summit: It's as good as it gets

saw, and they shook a lot of hands, but as Asia-Pacific leaders wrapped up another summit yesterday, the question was whether their annual get-together produced very much.

Most participants and observers said the answer was, well, a little.

Roberto Romulo, a former Philippine foreign secretary who now sits on a business advisory group to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) forum, said it was normal for a summit to achieve less than what it had aimed at.

"Look at it as 21 people sleep-ing on the same bed," he told re-

SYDNEY-THEY CAME, THEY porters here. "Each one of them the big powers, competition for posed to be about, he said, is dreaming his or her own dream."

Still, analyst Charles Morrison said he had been "pleasantly surprised" by this year's event.

"I think there's not much in the way of ... a big concrete output, but the spirit was good," said Morrison, director of the Hawaii-based East-West Center on Asia-Pacific relations.

He said the advantage of a summit was not the nitty-gritty-sorted out at officials' level-but the chance to chew over concerns privately with other Apec leaders.

"There's a little bit of competition between the leaders of not really what Apec was sup-

a sense that you are a vigorous world leader," he said.

Richard Broinowski, a former Australian ambassador, was dismissive though, saying that on the contrary, "very little has been achieved."

He echoed the reaction of environmental activists and others that the climate deal was empty as it contained no binding commitments and reaffirmed the United Nations as the main forum against global warming.

This is a sideshow. It's not a breakthrough at all," he said.

The summit's focus on climate change and security was while US President George W. Bush had been so "mesmerized" by the war in Iraq that he had neglected Asia.

"What is Apec? Four adjectives in search of a noun," Broinowski said.

Much of the buildup to the weekend summit was taken up with the visits of Chinese President Hu Jintao, who had been in Australia since Monday, Bush-who arrived late Tuesday-and Russia's Vladimir Putin.

Hu oversaw a deal to import liquefied natural gas from Australia and Putin an accord with Australian Prime Minister John Howard allowing Moscow to

buy uranium produced here, while Bush halled the Australian leader for his unstinting support in Iraq.

They helped make it a relatively successful summit for Howard, said Damien Kingsbury, a political analyst at Deakin University in Mel-

He thought the summit had been "relatively more positive" than other years because of Australia's commitment and for placing climate change top of the agenda.

"It is issues like that which have given it probably greater relevance," Kingsbury said.

He said Apec's economic ering this is Apec.

clout-the region produces 56 percent of global output-meant it had developed "a gravity of focus that is now rare to find in oth-

er international fora." However, with so many disparate political and economic systems, getting any agreement

can be a challenge. "In diplomacy you cannot be 100-percent satisfied. Agreements are a product of negotiations," Indonesian Poreign Minister Hassan Wirajuda commented after the cli-

mate change wrangling. Philippine President Macapagal-Arroyo put it more succinctly. "It's as good as it gets," she said of the statement, "consid-

## Apec states push global trade talks to final phase

A successful global trade deal would "deliver new trade flows for the benefit of all, including developing countries," it said, adding that Apec members, which collectively account for half of global trade, have a major stake in helping to create a rulesbased global trading system.

Curb global warming

Australian Prime Minister John Howard, announcing the final conclusions of the summit, also highlighted steps announced by the leaders on Saturday to curb global warming, which included two nonbinding goals on improving energy efficiency and increasing forest cover.

tion" on climate change does not set targets on the greenhouse gas emissions that cause

global warming. US President George W. Bush, Chinese President Hu Jintao, Russian President Vladimir Putin and other Apec leaders hope the climate change program will influence coming global warming talks that critics have dismissed as too timid.

Supporters said the significance lay in getting the United States and China—the world's biggest polluters-to agree on common goals and in getting rich and developing nations to work together.

The Apec program may sway coming talks in Washington, Unlike the UN-backed Kyoto New York and Indonesia on a

Protocol, the "Sydney Declara- new climate change blueprint to replace Kyoto, which expires in 2012.

#### Increasing forest cover

Under the platform, Apec members will reduce "energy intensity"--- the amount of energy needed to produce a dollar of gross domestic product-25 percent by 2030.

They pledged to increase forest cover in the region by at least 20 million hectares by 2020.

Some developing countries in Apec were not very happy about the Sydney Declaration.

Papua New Guinea Prime Minister Sir Michael Somare told fellow leaders he had reservations about signing the document, according to a statement issued by his office yesterday.

"Despite our efforts at this Apec meeting, no recognition is given to the initiatives pursued by the Coalition for Rainforest Nations on reducing carbon emissions from deforestation," said Somare, whose country is being heavily logged and where some smaller islands are being flooded by rising sea levels.

He also said carbon trading mechanisms were not adequate-

ly addressed in the declaration. The declaration was seen as a compromise between rich and

#### Health and population

poor Apec economies.

Apec leaders also agreed to take various steps to ensure the health and safety of the region's population, including counterterrorism measures, Howard said.

Chine, which has been grappling with a series of product recalls in a number of countries, ranging from toys to toothpaste, Australia said.

The declaration was expected to deal with other threats to regional economic growth, including terrorism, natural disasters, food supply contamination and pandemics, such as bird flu.

A study in Singapore found the impact on Apec economies from a major terrorist attack would be \$137 billion in lost GDP and \$159 billion in reduced trade.

#### Pacific-wide free trade

The Pacific Rim leaders also said vesterday they would continue to examine a proposal to create a Pacific-wide free-trade zone that ports from AP and Reuters

The action was not aimed at would stretch from China to Chile and include all 21 Apec members, according to a final declaration released by the leaders.

The proposal, dubbed the Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific and first floated three years ago, has gathered support from the United States and some other members, as well as among regional business leaders as a possible alternative to WTO talks.

"Business is increasingly skeptical" about global trade talks, said Mark Johnson, chair of AGL Energy Ltd., an energy retailer, and head of a business advisory council to Apec leaders.

But Apec members say the Pacific-wide trade zone proposal faces numerous hurdles and is only a long-term prospect. Re-

## RP, China to review broadband project

In ceremonies attended by Ms Arroyo, Communications Secretary Leandro Mendoza and ZTE vice president Yu Yong signed the \$329-million NBN deal on April 21 in Boao, China, shortly before the Philippine copy of the contract was stolen. The supply contract has been reconstituted.

Bribery

ZTE executives had bribed certain Filipino officials to clinch the deal, Ms Arroyo said Saturday: "I don't know much about it either."

Rep. Carlos Padilla has filed corruption charges against Mendoza and other officials involved in the deal, and named Commission on Elections Chair Benjamin Abalos Sr. as the bro-

Abalos was reportedly given free trips to China and women by ZTE to lobby in its behalf.

Jose de Venecia III, a son of Speaker Jose de Venecia Jr. and cofounder of Amsterdam Holdings Inc., a proponent of the

NBN project, has said Abalos tried to bribe him with \$10 million to back out of the project.

Abalos has denied De Venecia's allegation.

Romulo Neri, former director general of the National Economic and Development Authority, has neither confirmed nor denied that he was offered a P200-million bribe.

But reports said that when Neri, now chair of the Commission on Higher Education, in-Asked about allegations that formed Ms Arroyo about the bribery, she told him not to accept the money but approve the deal anyway.

The House of Representatives and the Senate are set to investigate the ZTE deal.

Asked if she had made a decision on the controversial contract, Ms Arroyo said: "No, not yet."

"I have to discuss it with the Cabinet members who are in charge. We haven't discussed it vet. I'll await their recommendation," she said in an interview with reporters who covered her trip here for the Apec summit.

It was the first time Ms Ar-



LEADERS and representatives of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation pose for a family photo on the final day of their summit. Front row (from left): New Zealand's Prime Minister Helen Clark, Philippine President Macapagal-Arroyo, Russia's President Vladimir Putin and Thailand's Prime Minister Surayud Chulanont; back row (from left): Peru's President Alan Garcia, Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, Taiwan's economic leader representative Stan Shih, and Vletnam's President Nguyen Minh Triot.

royo commented on the ZIE not want to talk about the controversy, in response to a

ZTE contract and other political issues during a nearly But she indicated she did two-hour late Saturday night

chat she had with reporters in mendations. her presidential suite at the Four Seasons Hotel after the first day of the two-day Apec summit.

"Stick to Apec issues, please," she told the reporters, as she rugged at her necklace.

Ms Arroyo, accompanied by Bunye, Foreign Secretary Alberto Romulo and her busband Jose Miguel Arroyo, had just come from a dinner and cultural presentation at the iconic Opera House on the first evening of the two-day sum-

#### China-funded projects

In Manila, two sources close to the President said Ms Arroyo would meet with her Cabinet tomorrow to decide the fate of more than \$2-billion worth of projects to be bankrolled and undertaken by Chinese firms, including the NBN.

The sources said Ms Arroyo had indicated to her Cabinet officials in Sydney that she would consider either "putting on hold for further review or canceling outright" the Chinese projects based on her advisers' recom-

Included in the review were

ready been signed—the ZTE deal, the North and SouthRail projects, and the Manila Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) pipeline. Cyber education project

projects whose contracts had al-

Other projects with no contracts that would be covered by the review are the Laiban Dam water supply, Cyber Education Project, and major housing pro-

lects in the pipeline. One of the sources said Ms Arroyo had decided to turn to her Cabinet for advice in view of the mounting criticism against Chinese projects, specifically the ZTE contract.

Mandaluyong Mayor Benhur Abalos, son of the Comelec chair, was part of the President's delegation to Sydney.

Ms Arroyo introduced the mayor and some members of the House of Representatives to leaders of the Filipino community during the convention of the Global Filipino Networking on Friday. With a report from Gil Cabacungan Jr.

## Senate has been nemesis of both Estrada, GMA

The irony cannot be more sharply exched. As Estrada ends the agony of waiting for the judicial verdict on his case, Ms Arroyo is just beginning her own new encounter with political uncertainty.

The political fortunes of Ms Arroyo and Estrada have crossed and overlapped since 2001, when People Power II toppled him after he was abandoned by the Armed Forces.

The saga of the fall of Estrada and the rise of Ms Arroyo seems to have been intertwined in the tapestry of their mutually exclu-

On Wednesday, Estrada will see the end of his anxiety over whether he will walk out of the Sandiganbayan a free man, or become the first Filipino president in history to be convicted of a crime.

As criminal and political histray is written on that day, Ms Arroyo's legitimacy will remain on the line, hostage to the unpredictable proceedings of the revived Senate inquiry into the "Hello Garci" tapes.

#### Garci closure dim

The Senate has been the nemesis of both Presidents

since 2000, when Estrada faced an impeachment trial. The prospects of the closure

of the "Hello Garci" issue within the remaining three years of the Arroyo presidency appeared dim as the hearings at the Senate blue ribbon, defense and national security and electoral committees uncovered new is-

The emergence of fresh issues foreshadows a protracted Senate investigation that is likely to haunt her presidency until Aguinaldo.

#### **New twist**

The Senate investigation developed a new twist on Friday when former T/Sgt. Vidal Doble, an ex-military intelligence agent who claimed to have taped the telephone conversations between Ms Arroyo and former Election Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano, testified that a presidential assistant, Medy Poblador, intervened in his transfer in June 2005 from the San Carlos Seminary in Makati City to Camp Aguinaldo.

Doble had taken refuge in the seminary with the former deputy director of the National of Investigation, Bureau

Samuel Ong, who in a press conference, spoke about having in his possession the "master rapes" of the wiretapped conversations between Ms Arroyo and Garcillano.

#### Poblador into the act

Doble had been expected to reveal the source of the "Hello Garci" tapes at a press conference at the seminary before he was taken by Balanga Bishop Socrates Villegas to Camp

The Senate reopened the inquiry into the tapes after Sen. Panfilo Lacson presented a video testimony of Doble that he was now ready to admit, after two years of silence, that he and a team of military intelligence rechnicians had tapped the conversations between Ms Arroyo and Garcil-

Senators had decided in a caucus not to replay the tapes, fearing criminal liability for replaying an illegally obtained ev-

But the hearings were sidetracked when Doble on Friday revealed that Poblador was involved in his removal from the seminary. How did Poblador get into the act?

#### Woman named 'Medy'

Doble testified that he saw at the official residence of then AFP Chief of Staff Gen. Efren Abu "a woman" identified by his wife as "Medy, a secretary of President Arroyo." Doble said Medy had approached his wife and told her that if they had any problems they could come to

Lacson supplied the woman's full name as Remedios Poblador and identified her as a "confidante of President Arroyo." Interior Secretary Ronaldo Puno confirmed on Friday that Remedios Poblador is an undersecretary detailed with the Presidential Legislative Liaison Office in the House of Representatives.

#### Bishop's role

How the Church got involved in the transfer of Doble is revealed in a letter of Bishop Villegas, who was invited to but did not appear at the hearing. Villegas said he received on June 13, 2005, calls from priests at the seminary and "asked him for

He said he took Doble out of the seminary out of concern for the safety of the seminarians, He also said Poblador had asked

him to help resolve "the ongoing crisis" in the seminary amid reports that the Army would raid the place to spring out Doble and Ong.

Explaining the presence of Poblador in Camp Aguinaldo, where she met Bishop Villegas and Doble, Puno said Medy was "asked to talk to Cardinal Rosales (Gaudencio) because she's a relative of Cardinal Rosales ... (and) not because she's a Palace

#### New Palace line

Puno said Doble "asked for the help of someone who can talk to the bishop, so that violence would be avoided."

The Palace has, however, taken a new line to explain Medy's intervention. Cabinet Secretary Ricardo Saludo said Malacafiang did not order her to try to persuade Doble to leave the seminary. He said Poblador intervened "in her personal capacity," and "upon the behest of the Catholic Church and the military," both of which obviously wanted Doble out of the seminary to end the standoff and to avert

The purpose of Lacson in highlighting the intervention of

Poblador appears evident in his claim that it brought the "Hello Garci" issue to the doorsteps of Malacañang.

#### A fall guy

The thrust appears to lay the basis of a new impeachment complaint alleging a Palace cover-up of the tapes, through its functionaries.

This recalls the attempts of the Richard Nixon White House to cover up the break-in of the Democratic Party offices in the Watergate apartments. The cover-up produced some articles of impeachment, which led to Nixon's resignation from the

presidency. Although Puno said Poblador would "in due time, issue statements on this matter," it was not clear whether Ms Arroyo would bar her from testifying at the Senate under Executive Order No. 464, if she was summoned. The summons should not be

ruled out. Opposition senators have smelled blood. A clash is inevitable over EO 464.

In the meantime, the Palace has found a fall guy in a faceless functionary. The opposition has found a political strawman to

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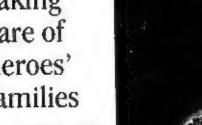
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> Gangchuan that the House of Representatives would likely approve President Macapagal-Arroyo's amnesty proclamation covering the National Democratic Front, the Communist Party of the Philippines and the New People's Army to end almost 40 years of violence

and rebellion. in a wide-ranging hour-long discussion between the Chinese and House members at the Manila Hotel, De Venecia also proposed joint China-

and China-Japan military exercises to "build trust and confidence" in the Asia-Pacific region and hailed the military hotline between the US and China forged between President George W. Bush and President Hu Jintao. De Venecia in-

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Speaking last week at the Philippine Travel Exchange (Phitex), Durano said 2007 marked "the first time the Philippines would have more than three million tourists."

He also disclosed that some \$2 billion worth of tourism projects were being developed nationwide to meet the unprecedented demand for hotel rooms

"Before, the problem was the lack of business. Today it's lack of rooms to accommodate the brisk business," he said

Durano to d a subsequent press conference the Philippines used to get only 200,000 foreign arrivals three times a year.

"But now, every month, we have more than 200,000 and that's good business all year round," he said.

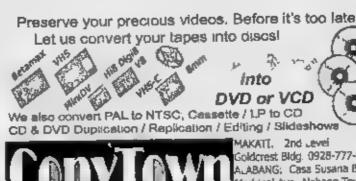
Peace and order was never an issue, Durano said. "The issue is when the new hotels are opening."

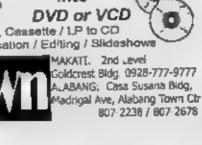
Tourist arrivals of 1,528,507 from January to June augur # little more than three million visitors expected this year, Du rano had earlier said.

The 18th Philippine Travel Mart, meanwhile, was held at SM Megamall from Sept. 7 to 9.

"Everything's Here for You" was the theme of the one-stop trade show that catered to tour and travel components like airlines, shipping and land transport, hotels, resorts and convention sites, marketers and promoters, said Jo Pestano, president of the Philippine Tour Operators Association which presents the PTM annually.

The PTM was co-presented by the Department of Tourism, the Philippine Convention and Visitors Corp. and the Philippine Tourism Authority.









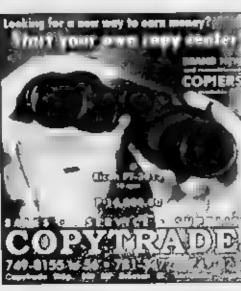




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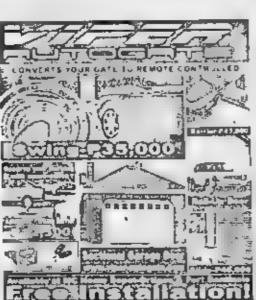
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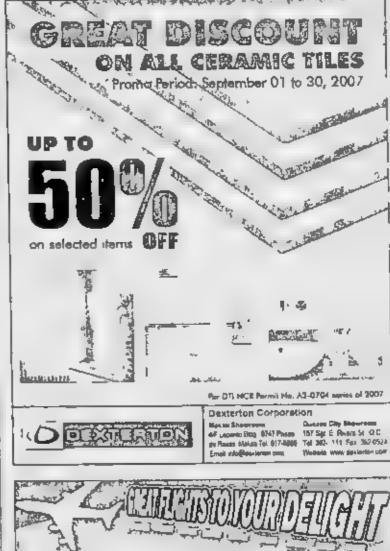


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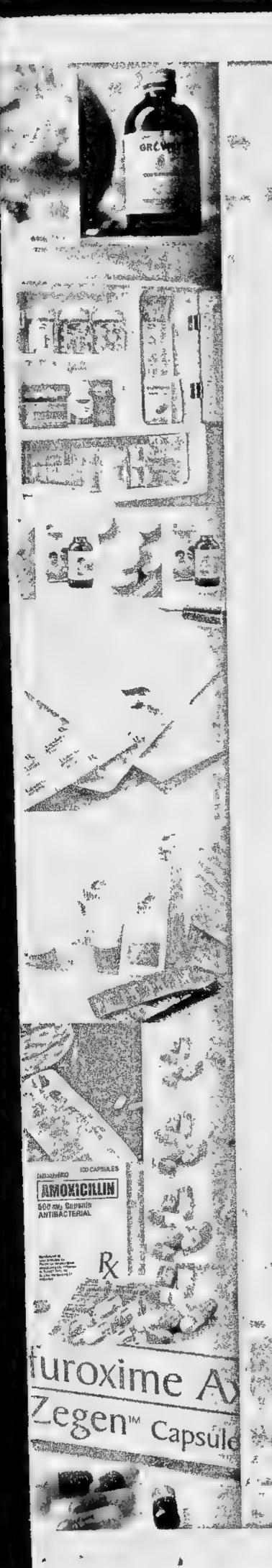






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THE SYDNEY DECLARATION IS NOT A BREAKthrough; it is not a milestone in the long march to find what the joint statement called "an enduring global solution to climate change." But it is a step for-

The statement by the leaders attending the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in Sydney, Australia, de-

clared their resolve to lower greenhouse gas emissions. "We are commit-EDITORIAL ted to the global objective of stabilizing

greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere ... The world needs to slow, stop and then reverse the growth of global greenhouse gas emissions."

To be sure, the Sydney Apec Leaders' Declaration on Clamate Change, Energy Security and Clean Development, to give it its complete name, speaks only of the need to work together to achieve a "long-term aspirational global emissions reduction goal," in preparation for "an effective post-2012 international arrangement." In other words, the consensus-driven APEC regional grouping did not call for binding commitments on the part of each member-economy to lower greenhouse gas emissions. That makes the Sydney Declaration decidedly unlike the 10-year-old Kyoto Protocol, which binds its signatories to specific reduction targets. Commitments under that controversial agreement, which took effect in 2005, end in 2012.

The principal supporters of the Sydney unitiative are Australia, this year's host of the annual summit, and the United States: staunch allies, robust business partners-and stubborn non-signatories to the Kyoto Protocol.

Essentially, what the Sydney Declaration does for the two economies is to give them the breathing room they need to flex the necessary political muscle at home. By cutting a high profile in their support for this new APEC initiative to counter global warming (the declaration was issued a day before the end of the summit, to coincide with US President George W. Bush's accelerated schedule), both Australia and the United States can say they are doing something on the climate change front, without actually committing to specific emission reduction targets until at least 2012.

But consensus diplomacy being what it is, the Sydney Declaration also offers something for developing economies, especially China. The very concept of a longterm goal meets Chinese (as well as Canadian) preferences.

While the language of diversity in unity-"The future international climate change arrangement needs to reflect differences in economic and social conditions among economies and be consistent with our common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities"-can be said to favor both developed and developing economies, the latter found the statement's unequivocal commitment to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change to their advantage.

"That's fine," President Macapagal-Arroyo told reporters the night the statement was released, "because at least they all recognized that the UN is the real forum for decision-

"The important thing is not to undermine the UN," she added.

As we said, a little something for everyone. But because consensus groupings like APEC and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations operate on the fundamental principle of precedents, the Sydney Declaration can be considered a real step forward. Even without formal formulas about binding goals, the joint statement already commits all APEC members to the general idea of emission reduction targets for both developed and developing economies by

The collective decision to pursue "an effective post-2012 international arrangement," therefore, can be understood to mean some progress forward.

## Politicos' transparency

OLITICIANS TODAY HAVE SIMPLY GOT TO STOP CLINGING to the "good old days." They must fundamentally change their collective mind-set. They need to grasp that no matter how effective they may be politically, they do not deserve to remain in politics if they lack transparency in their monetary dealings and cannot offer adequate explanations to the public about their behavior. They should take it upon themselves to write and enforce laws that require thorough disclosure of the sources and expendi-

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lic, which they need to survive.

tures of political funds. Until politicians become fully capable of abiding by a firm code of ethical conduct, the current "domino resignations" cannot be stopped, nor will this or future administrations be able to regain the trust of the pub-

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## Meralco replies on power industry issues

As I SEE IT

WE GOT A VERY QUICK REPLY FROM MERAL to on the issues raised in the previous two columns on the "S evils of cross-ownership" in the power industry, the principal cause of high power rates. The Epira is due to be amended and a total ban on cross-ownership (which was in the original bill but which was watered down to allow Meralco to own generating Neal H. Cruz plants) is one of the proposed amendments. Meralco is opposing any change to the Epira because, its critics believe, the law as passed gives it tremendous advantages

In fairness to Meralco and for the readers to understand the issues better, we are printing

"The bilateral contracts between Meralco and several (sister companies) Independent Power Producers (IPPs) are not "sweetheart deals." These constacts were the products of earnest negotiations between Merajeo and its counterpar ties, and actually resulted in lower generation charges to Merako's consumers. Morever, the Meralco contracts with First Gas projects were initiated as a result of an invitation from the Department of Energy...

The lower power costs resulting from the subject IPP contracts is shown by the fact that for the Jame 2007 billing, National Power Corp.'s (NPC) generation cost of PS.67 kWh is significantly higher than Meralco's contracted power with its affiliated generation companies which were as follows: First Gas Power (Sm. Rita), P4.17 kWh, and PGP (San Lorenzo), P3.79

"Moreover, the volume contracted by Meralco with us IPPs is insignificant in comparison [with] that contracted by NPC with its own IPPs

"It must be stressed at this point that ERC Resolution No. 11, Series 2005, effectively requires DUs (Distribution Utilities) to bid out their power supply requirements.

The Lopez Group does not control the country's generation sector, whether directly or through the holding company for its power gen-

IT WAS MORE THAN A FEELING OF DÉJÀ VU,

it was the sensation of being thrust right back

into Erap's impeachment trial seven years ago.

That was the Senate hearing on Vidal Doble's

What gave it a sense of history repeating it-

peachment trial, but in this case it might as

well be so. It is at least so in the public mind

Indeed, what the Senate hearing lacks in scale,

tt more than makes up for in starker contrasts.

The lines in the impeachment trial were more

blurred, the proof of Erap's wrongdoing more

vague. Compared to Doble, Singson was far

more assailable. His belonging to the den of

thieves worked both ways: It made him out to

be both a person in the know and one who

could not be trusted. And all the prosecution

Doble has no such problem. Quite apart

from his word, the "prosecution" has several

other things to go by. At the very least, they

have the "Hello Garci" tape. That may not be

playing in the halls of the Senate, but it is play-

had to go by was his word.

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eration interests, First Gen. Corp. While First Gen. prides itself in being the largest Filipino-ownedand-controlled independent power generation company in the Philippines, its total installed capacity of 1,839 MW accounts for a mere 12 percent of the country's total installed capacity. As a matter of fact, it only comes third, after interna-

tional giants TEAM Energy (the consortium com-

posed of Tokyo Electric and Manubers that

bought Mirant's Philippine assets) and KEPCO. "While First Gen was able to win the 112-MW Pantabangan/Masiway Hydroelectric Complex by participating in a series of competitive auctions being conducted by the Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corp. (PSALM) to privatize NPC's generation assets, it must be pointed out that much bigger power assets were actually won by other private investors, such as Aboniz Group, which won the 360-MW Magat Hydroelectric Power Plant in Isabela, and the AES Consortium, which won the 600-MW Coal-Fired Power Plant in Zambales.

"The Epira, after all, explicitly provides that no company or related group can own, operate or control more than 30 percent of the installed generating capacity of a grid and/or 25 percent of the national installed generating capacity.

For 2008, the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) has set the subject generating capacity limits at the following levels: Luzon: 11,769 MW; Visayas: 1,580 MW; Mindanao: 1,689 MW; Nanonal: 15,216 MW

The foregoing limitations, however, are violated by the NPC which to this day continues to

control more than 80 percent of the country's generating capacity through its generating companies and IPP contracts. Until NPC's assets are privatized, 'there will be no real competition as intended by the law and therefore no reduction in generation rates..."

The failure of the past biddings for Calaca and Masimoc can only be attributed to the fact that the plants were bidded out as merchant plants, i.e. without any supply contracts. Such rendered the generating assets unattractive to potential investors. The framers of the Epira law were well aware of such possibilities, which is precisely the reason the law mandared that DUs and NPC enter into transition supply contracts (TSCs) that will be attached to the NPC assets up for privatization, to serve as enticements for prospective investors. Meralco already entered into a TSC with NPC. That alone would have assured the success of the privatization program NPC, however, continues to adamantly resist pleas from PSALM officials to attach such contracted capacities to any NPC assets being sold. It has become clearly obvious that NPC is sabotaging the government's privatization program. This is not surprising considering that once its assets are completely disposed of, nothing will be left

for NPC except rural electrification. The recent successful sale of the Masinloc power plant to a czecible international conglomerate is a showcase of the magnitude of investments that may come into the country's power industry once the privatization of NPC assets graduates from its present snail's pace. The \$930-million winning bid came as a welcome and pleasant surprise. Even the second highest bid of \$710 million offered by First Gen exceeded the globally accepted standard of \$1 million per megawatt.

"Thus, it is no great wonder why more than six years after the enactment of Epira, only a mere 28 percent of NPC's power generation assets have been sold, and not a single IPP contract has been transferred to private IPP administrators."

## Double-edged

#### THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado

self was the spectacle of the Queen's loyal, and de Quiros legal (or legally minded) cohorts mounting a full-scale attack on Doble's testimony. In the ing in the public mind. Courtesy not of GMA's main by questioning his capacity to tell the fiercest detractor but of her appointed defendtruth, several of them inevitably playing with, er, who is the press secretary. It is a crime to or preying on, his name, which means "douplay or listen to the tape? Then jail Ignacio ble." I grant it's hugely inviting. But people Bunye. He it was who gave the world to know named Dick and Joker should really not press of its existence and contents.

While at this, what gall Miriam and Johnny That was how it was too seven years ago, Er-(didn't we see them making fools of themap surrounding himself with all those lawyers selves in Erap's impeachment trial?) have in three-piece suits, led by no less than exclaiming to defend our civil liberties by refus-Chief Justice Andres Narvasa, invoking the ing to accept a clandestine recording of their majesty of the law to put one obstacle after anboss screwing the voters. These are champions other in the path of ferreting out Erap's lawof civil liberties who never once emitted a lessness. Estelito Mendoza, Marcos's favorite squeak to protest the disappearance of Jonas lawyer, fired the first broadside by depicting Burgos and the massacre of journalists and po-Chavit Singson as an utter blackguard, which bucal activists in our midst. No, more than he probably is, to which Joker Arroyo replied that, these are champsons of civil liberties who magnificently that legalistic ruses were too would foment terror in the form of an anti-terthin a curtain to hide the humongous crime of for law that makes it legal to bug people who berrayal of public trust. What a difference sevare merely screwing their mistresses. Defend A Senate hearing of course is not an im-

our Bill of Rights? Too late Just as well, there's that sorry excuse for a shepherd of the flock, Bishop Socrates Villegas, who delivered the one sheep that most needed protecting to the wolves hovering around the campfire. Villegas' justification is that he loved the seminarians so much and worried for their safety. He shouldn't press his luck either as the public might interpret his loving them in quite another light. I do know some officials and seminarians of San Carlos seminary, and I know that there is little love lost between them and him. Certainly, there is little love lost between them and what he did to Doble. Not even the worst friars during Spanish times gave up the rogues and murderers that sought sanctuary in their churches to the Guardia Civfl. And Doble only proposed to help the Church

in its work, which was to reveal the Truth. Healer, heal thyself? Shepherd, guide thyself.

And finally there's Doble himself. GMA's defenders in the Senate may imagine they are denting his credibility by dwelling on his changing testimony, but they are in fact merely demolishing their own. At the very least, Doble's apparent doubletalk merely draws attention to why he double-talked, which is his perfectly believable claim, backed up by a trail of evidence, that his family was abducted. At the very most, well, how do GMA's alkes think they look defending GMA by calling her accusers liars? That is like defending Romeo Jalosjos by calling his jailers perverts. Doble did not swear to do something at the grave of Jose Rizal and did the opposite. Doble did not say "L...am .. sorry," which is the biggest lie of all about the biggest crime of all. You are sorry, you step down.

Liar, liar? Guess who better fits that job de-

But what gave me the sensation of being thrust back into Erap's impeachment trial is something the King's loyal, and legal, army did not see then, and something the Queen's loyal, and legal, army do not see now. That is that in the end, the ones sitting in judgment over this hearing are not the senators, they are the People. That is that the final judgment rendered here will have nothing to do with legality, or legalism, it will have to do with morality, or justice. Unbeknownst to Erap's legal luminaries then, a tale was unfolding in the impeachment trial, which was a tale of Good vs. Evil. Unbeknownst to GMA's legal luminaries now, a rale is unfolding in the Senate hearing, which is a tale of Good vs. Evil. It was at the very moment of Erap's victory, one of his defenders at the Senate even dancing like Salome over the head of John the Baptist, that he fell. It is at the very moment of GMA's victory, her defenders in the Senate masting to their lawyerly cusning in preventing the truth from coming out, that she

Victory is double-faced. Defeat is dobleedged.



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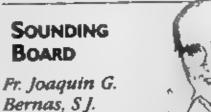
## The Argentinean amparo

IN MY COLUMN LAST WEEK I WROTE ABOUT the birth of recurso de amparo and its development in Mexico. In Mexico it is used as a remedy against acts by any authority that violate any of the individual guarantees recognized by the Constitution, whether the matter be criminal, civil or

From Mexico amparo rapidly spread through Latin America. It is now found in one form or another In Bolivia, Chile, Gosta Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay and Peru. It is now also the mandado de segurance of Brazil and the ampero in Argentina. In all of this, however, the all-purpose scope of the Mexican amparo has not been copied. Rather, the unitations have generally limited themselves to ampero as a quick and efficacious remedy for violations of fundamental liberties. From the little reading I have made on the subject I find the Argentinean development particularly interesting and perhaps of some relevance for us.

Up until the middle of the twentieth century the only federal relief for violations of constitutional rights in Argentina were an action leading to a declaration of unconstitutionality and the writ of habeas corpus. Thus people deprived of rights other than physical liberty must seek relief through "ordsnary course of administrative and judicial proceedings, which was arduous, expensive and lengthy."

What seems to have started amparo in Argentina was a freedom of the press case combined with a right to work case. A lower court found that a constitutional right had been violated but the court could not give habeas corpus relief because physical liberty was not involved. In reversing the lower court decision, the Supreme Court said that even in the absence of a specific law granting redress, redress was available from the Constitution itself. The Court argued: "[1]ndividual guarantees exist and protect individuals by their simple entrenchment in the Constitution and independently of any regula-



tory statutes.... Declarations, rights and guarantees are not, as one may be led to believe, mere theoretical formulas.... Constitutional precepts as well as the institutional experience of the country jointly demand the full enjoyment and exercise of individual guarantees for an effective vigor of the rule of law, and impose upon the country's judges the duty of insuring them." Another decision even expanded the scope of amparo to cover unfringement of individual rights by private individuals.

Thereafter statutory developments followed which specified the acts which could be remedied by amparo, the procedural considerations and the judgment that could be rendered.

The acts included were primarily acts of public authority. But amparo was made inapplicable to acts of the judiciary and official acts related to national defense. Amparo would not lie either where it could lead to a judgment that would "directly or indirectly compromise the regularity, continuity and efficacy of performance of a public service, or to the development of activities essential to the state." Moreover, the illegitimacy, illegality, or arbitrariness of the impugned act must be clear and undisputable without any need for an extensive legal or factual debate. In other words, the applicant's right to obtain an amparo must be manifest and uncon-

Sometime later the federal legislature adopted another statute governing ampuro against acts of

Procedurally ampuro was seen as essentially sup-

plementary. Thus administrative remedies must first be exhausted and where ordinary judicial remedy was available it must first be used. But the proceeding, like habeas corpus, would be summary.

What judgment can follow? Mainly it would be mandamus or injunction. The judgment could not terminate with a grant of monetary redress or with a penal sanction except perhaps as punishment for contempt. A declaration of unconstitutionality could also be made, but the judgment, like those of our lower courts, would not constitute stare decisis and would only bind the parties.

I suspect that the amparo remedy being contemplated by our Supreme Court will come out in form and substance analogous to that of Argentina and not that of Mexico. It will be limited in scope, characterized by summary procedure and limited in the kind of judgment that can be imposed. It would be an emergency procedure aimed at suspending the effect of violations of constitutionally protected

It will be noticed, however, that the Argentinean amparo developed with statutory support Will our Court be able to do something similar without statutory support? I support that the answer to that question will depend on how our Supreme Court reads the scope of the relevant constitutional provision. Our Constitution mandates the Supreme Court to "promulgate rules concerning the protection and enforcement of constitutional rights." Is this a delegation to the Court of whatever power is necessary to protect and enforce constitutional rights? During the deliberations of the 1986 Constitution Commission, former Chief Justice Roberto Conception and Commissioner (now Justice) Adolf Azcuna declared that the addition of this provision was meant to emphasize the lesson that constitutional rights are not merely declaratory but are meant to be enforced. I read this as a signal to the Court to do whatever is necessary.

## A commanding officer stays with his troops

LAST YEAR, WE MARKED THE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY OF our graduation from the Philippine Military Academy, Offiter stage was shared with the class of 2006, the 324-strong batch with the largest number of women graduates, it was as though we were watching our own sons and daughters marching in formation, ready to assume their places in the long grey line that now stretches from one end of the parade

Ramon

ground to the other, practically covering Borromeo Field

In the history of the PMA, perhaps no class has suffered so many casualties in so short a period of time. Barely a year af-



ter graduation, four of its members would fall to enemy fire. A fifth-its Presiden tial Sabre awardee for graduating at the head of the class-would fight a losing battle against disease. In the chd, PAF Lt. Ariel Toledo of Sto. Domingo, flocos Sur, would not be able to survive the onslaughts of an enemy that has long been the scourge of mankind. A newspaper (not the Incurrent) scentified him as "the first Ilocano to become the topnotcher at the PMA." To be fair, there were others from the region who graduared at the head of their classes several years before Toledo, on our batch, the Class of 1956, Jose C. Bello of Candon, Ilocos Sur, finished as the class valedictorian, Nevertheless, we too join his fellow llocanos in mourning the loss of a young man whose life held so much promise not only for his family but hiso for the nation.

On a personal note, the Mandala Class of 2006 has a special place in my heart. In 2003, May. Gen. Melchor Rosales, now an interior undersecretary, was the superintendent of the Philippine Military Academy. He invited me to address the corps of cadets after a parade and review. At that time, the Class of 2006 made up the piebe component of the corps. In June 2005, Lr. Gen. Cristonto Balaoing, the PMA superintendent, would also mylte me as the guest of honor during Incorporation Day rites at Fort Del Pilar. This time the Class of 2006 provided the officers commanding the brigade of cadets.

I wish to thank General Rosales and General Balaoing for their kind and generous invitation for me to speak before the cadets and to partake of the same simple meal that I used to have many years ago, surrounded by the young men who will some day lead our Armed Forces. My special thanks also goes to former AFP Chief of Smiff Gen. Efren Abu who I know was instrumental in my visit to the academy in 2005. General Abp'is now a special envoy to the Brunel, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philip pines-East Asian Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA). In the case of General Balaoing, I am informed that he has not been in the best of health during the past few months. I wish him a safe and speedy recovery.

One of the finest books on the Battle of Iwo Jima is a recent account written by Kumiko Kakehashi and published by Presidio Press, "So Sad to Fall in Battle." It is the story of the encounter between US Marines and Japanese army and navy units as seen through the eyes of the Japanese commander, Lt. Gen. Tadamichi Kuribayashi, one of the lesser-known figures of the Pacific War but one who was highly regarded by his adver-

Lt. Gen. Tadamichi Kuribayashi was the product of a middle school in Nagano. He went to the military academy and later attended the Army War College. In 1928, as a 36-year-old cayalry captain, he was sent to study in the United States. This was a special privilege for so-called "sabre squad" officers who had graduated from the War College. They were so named because they were personally presented with a sabre from the Emperor Most of them would go to countries like Germany, Russin, Great Britain and the United States, with Germany being the most popular destination.

Kuribayashi chose to study in the United States and was attached to the US First Cavalry Division at Fort Riley, Kansas. He also found time to audit courses at Harvard and at the University of Michigan, and drove himself across the continental US. He developed a sense of the military and industrial might of America, based on these first-hand observations. In 1931, he moved to Canada where he served as the military attaché

Iwo Jima has an area of only 22 square kilometers, but it had three airfields and was described as an "unsinkable aircraft carrier" It was here where Lt. Gen. Kuribayashi was assigned and given command of all forces on Iwo Jima. Immediately upon arrival, he proceeded to inspect every such of the island-on foot, starting with Mt. Suribachi, the highest point in the area,

The biggest problem he faced was how to get drinking water. There were no streams, no springs. The only source of drinking water was rainwater and this had to be stored in as terns. He prohibited the wasteful use of water and was especially strict with senior officers. He was also concerned about what the soldiers are. He forbade preparing food for officers separate from that of the ordinary soldier. He himself would follow this rule, making sure that he experienced all the dis-

comforts of his men. Kuribayashi was a purisan. No "comfort women" station was established on Iwo Jima and the repatriation of all women afid children was completed seven months before the American's

When Kuribayashi took command of Iwo Jima, it was believed that like other commanders, he would exercise control from Chichi Jima, a nearby island, a safe place with abundant water and food, instead, he stayed on Iwo Jima and did not leave the island until his death. It was only later during the battle that the Americans realized that the Japanese commander actually directing operations against them was on the island.

In the final all-out charge of a Japanese unit, it was customary for the commanding officer to commit hara-kiri behind the lines. This was not the case with Kuribayashi. He himself led the attack-not a banzai charge but a plan aimed at causing maximum confusion and destruction. A training document from the Self-Defense Force officers' school reads: "There is no other example in the history of the Japanese army where a division commander led the charge himself,"

Kuribayashi was wounded in the right thigh and is believed to have died either from loss of blood or from his own hand. No one survived who witnessed the last moments of this commander who fought side by side with his men until his own death.

## All quiet on the southern front

ASIDE FROM THE SOLO FLIGHT OF A NOCTURnal spy plane days ago, and a few negligible mortar firings, nothing much of late has disturbed the uneasy peace in this so-called war zone.

But May, Gen. Nelson Allaga, who visited the troops in Jolo last week, announced in a television interview that there would be no let-up in the operations against the Abu Sayyaf and other Noralyn Mustafa lawiess elements. He also said that while they respect religious and cultural traditions, such operations will continue even during the holy fasting month of Ramadan which begins on Sept. 12

Nonetheless he gave the assurance that they would not be targeting communities or civilians, only specific "personalities" and groups, a.k.a. "terrorists."

"Hindi kami mamamatay-tao," he emphasized Allaga sounded sincere enough in his dialogue with a group of civilians, but to most of us, his assurances don't offer even cold comfort

How we wish military operations, offensives, wars, etc. could be so programmed and so conditioned that they would play out accordingly, or better still, that fate could conspire so we can "mold it nearer to our heart's desire." I have lost my copy of Leo Tolstoy's "War and

Peace" but if I recall correctly one great battle was triggered by a mindless shot at a make. It doesn't take much more for a mere "operation" against specific "personalines" to explode into a fullblown "war."

More than anyone else in his area of responsibility-Central Mindanso, Zamboanga Peninsule, Basilan, Sulu and Tawi-Tawi, a geographical configuration that is predominantly Muslim or "Moro"---Aliaga knows this.

The point is, why the hurry? Why the urgency? Why is it so crucial to launch this operation or offensive or whatever at this time? Why can't it wait or be deferred until after the month of fasting?

No matter how well the government justifies this bad timing they can never convince the Tausugs in the countryside that Christian soldiers roaming all over their forests and orchards runKRIS-CROSSING **MINDANAO** 



ning after Tausugs who also have to fast but whom the "Christian" government has tagged as "terrorists," is justified.

This may strike some as an irrational statement but there are times when there is but a thin line between irrationality and reality. Any cultural anthropologist can validate the observation that indeed different cultures have different realities

The bigger and more worrisome picture however is that this perceived cultural and religious insensitivity on the part of the government and the Armed Forces in particular underlies the fearless forecast that the AFP will never win the war in Sulu and other Muslim provinces, whether it is against the MNLF, MILF, the Abu Sayyaf, or even the Jemaah Islamiyah.

It will take more than words to convince the people that the "ahen" forces of the government are invading their lands, killing their own and destroying their crops, homes and schools, to ensure their good health and well-being.

And for as long as the people are on their side, the Abu Sayyaf can always metamorphose from being "terrorists" to more docile farmers in just the time it takes to hide their Armante rifles and change their shirts. Take my word for it, they don't even have to go home to do that. Any roadside store or hut is always willing to bury their guns and lend them a shirt, as long as it fits.

The countless programs to "win hearts and minds" conducted by the civil relations agency of the Armed Forces with every new command, every administration through four decades have done almost nothing to diminish the number of available recruits and leaders ever ready and will-

ing to replace those killed.

Because while the military announces with glee the figures and even names of the dead, and trumpets their victories with the triumphant declaration that they have "neutralized" this or that group, the people mourn them as parang sabil or

Therefore to announce that there will be "no let-up" in the military operations even during the month of Ramadan is a most serious religio-cultural infraction that can only worsen the sense of attenuation of the people from the "Christian" government while reinforcing their sense of solidarity and empathy with the so-called lawless elements for the simple reason that they are Tausugs and they are Mushms.

But there is another side to this undue haste in launching the twin offensives on Sulu and Basilan and more so, the "fear and awe" strategy evident in the sheer number of troops deployed in these

The overwhelming number of Manne battalions with their accompanying material and hitech war gizmos, described by some as "overkill" in the fight against ragtag bands, borders on the laughable, except that it hurts when we laugh.

The Senate is conducting hearings on the infamous "Garci" tapes; Jose Ma. Sison has been ar rested and jailed; the verdict on the plunder case of deposed President Joseph Estrada will be handed down on Sept. 12, jailed former Navy captain Antonio Trillanes IV is now a senator; and we are all groaning under steadily rising prices despite a steadily growing economy as reported by Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo with her steadily low rating in all social surveys

Maybe it is bad timing to conduct wars in Sulu and Basilan during the holy month of Ramadan, but there could be good timing in unloading Luzon of those loyal Marines.

For now, all is quiet on the southern front. But for how long?

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## Save the titling system

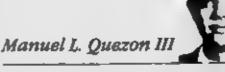
YOU MAY RECALL THAT ON FEB. 20, 2006, I wrote about a legal fight ("The value of a title"), just one of many cases in Caloocan where landgrabbing threatens to seriously undermine the credibility of the land titling system in our country. Property owners who acquired their properties in good faith, developed them, paid taxes on them, suddenly faced a claim by a lawyer that he, in fact, owned their properties.

That lawyer, Jose B. Dimson, claimed ownership of a very large property on the basis of a land title of doubtful authenticity but which, he claimed, predated the (up to that point) original title on which the subsequent titles of the property owners were based. Thus one claim affected dozens of properties. Despite evidence to invalidate that claim, Dimson's case kept winning in the courts. Property owners doggedly fought the spurious claim. One such group is composed of the Araneta Institute of Agriculture, Manotok Realty, Inc., Sto. Niño Kapitbahay Association, Inc. and CLT Resity Corp.

The legal fight between the group I mentioned above, and the person claiming their land, has revealed some interesting details since I last wrote

The lawyers of the claimant, Dimson, besides admitting he'd never actually possessed the lands he claimed, said he had never paid taxes on them either (which is a way of asserting responsible ownership). What's more, Dimson's own lawyers admitted their client had never been a lawyer at all. So how could be have obtained ownership of the properties he said he earned by way of lawyers'

Not to mention the impossibility of Dimson's claims as to the person who transferred the land to him being entitled to do so. Dimson said he got his title to the land as attorney's fees from a certain Bartolome Rivera. Rivera alleged in turn that he inherited his title as an heir of Ma. Concepcion Vidal. The courts, in the case of Republic v. Lilia Sevilla and Jose Seelin, held that "[t]hus, it is physically and genetically impossible for him [Bartolome Rivera] to THE LONG VIEW



be the grandson of Maria de la Concepcion Vidal," The Land Registration Commission, in a report dated August 3, 1981, pointed out that "[i]f Bartolome Rivera was 65 years old in 1963 or thereabouts, he was born on or before 1898. If Maria de la Concepcion Vidal was 9 years old on or before December 3, 1912, she was born on or before 1903. Could a grandson be older than his grandmother?"

Not to mention Dimson basing his ciaim on a title that, he claimed, predated the title of the Araneta Institute of Agriculture group. He said his OCT was dated Apr. 19, 1917. Those whose lands he wanted to take away could only point to an OCT dated May 3, 1917. But when Dimson's people were asked to produce their title, they could produce none. On the other hand, the aggrieved property owners demonstrated to the Supreme Court recently that only one OCT No. 994 existed: issued on May 3, 1917. No. less than the Solicitor General then, Antonio Nachura, personally and formally presented to the Supreme Court en banc the original OCT No. 994 issued on May 3, 1917 (the original copy itself taken from the Land Registration Authority vault).

Reports of the Department of Justice and the Senate Fact-Finding Committee had also previously pointed out that Dimson's (alleged) OCT was fraudulent. The Senate, upon investigating the matter, said Dimson's so-called title was "a fabrication perpetrated by Mr. Norberto Vasquez, Jr., former Deputy Registrar of Deeds of Caloocan City" and by Atty. Yolanda Alfonso, Registrar of Deeds of Caloocan City, who "conserted to the acquisition of the property by ... her children adopting 19 April 1917 as the date of registration of OCT 994 knowing the same to be er-

roneous ... is a clear case of dishonesty, malice and bad faith." We know Alfonso did these things, because the Court of Appeals affirmed the dismissal ordered by the Office of the President. The Supreme Court upheld the decision of the Court of Appeals.

The Department of Justice then issued a report staring that the two contested OCTs (Dimson's fake and the one present property owners derived their titles from) were never actually presented to the Supreme Court, What the Supreme Court used as the basis for saying there were two OCT Nos. 994 were the certifications appearing on the faces of the TCTs submitted by the two sides; but in truth, only one OCT No. 994 existed, issued on May 3, 1917

However, complicating matters is that the Supreme Court issued a decision in another case, which upheld a Court of Appeals decision that there were two OCTs and which then upheld Dimson's as the original one. In a sense, the Supreme Court ended up trapped by the Court of Appears' refusal to take judicial notice of the findings of the Senate and Department of Justice. If a court, however, mok these reports into evidence, it would sharter some of the previous assumptions made by

These details, and many more, are now before the Supreme Court. It has embarked on reviewing a decision by one of its own divisions. This review presents a last chance for it to reverse the court's upholding of the Dimson fraud. With evidence aplenty to help rectify assumptions originally made by the courts, evidence gathered by the Senare and the Department of Justice, decades of lawful property owners being harassed and imperiled can

The Supreme Court, acting as a whole, holds the preservation of the rule of law as it pertains to the ownership of land, in its hands. It can stem the tide of chaos in our titling system. Or it can open the floodgates to an epidemic of Dimson-style landgrabbing. A title can either mean something, or mean nothing: it can either be maintained by the rule of law or the law of the jungle.

#### THEY SAID

Tstuck my neck out for him when he was being pummeled by the administration. I treated him like a rea, brother, a kid brother. He knew that I wanted to control that committee. If I were him, I would have declined it."

-Sen. Penfilo Lacson on Sen. Alan Peter Cayetano's appoint ment as chair of the blue ribbon committee

## 'Collect & dump' a disaster

ache for politicians and citizens of Metro garbage

Local leaders, led by Mandaluyong Mayor Benhur Abalos who is also the president of the Metro Manila Mayors' League, are in a fix following the decision of the local government of Rodriguez (formerly Montalban) to increase the garbage collection fee. Radriguez hosts the waste disposal facility currently used by the 10 cities of Metro Manila.

· As a knee-jerk reaction, Abaros is urging the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority to find a new dumping ground within six months. Meanwhile, other local leaders are begging Rodriguez Mayor Pedro Cuerpo to postpone the fee increase for two months to give local governments time to adjust their budgets.

Our leaders unwisely use the people's money while most of us, the taxpayers, are forced to wade in dirty waters with every onslaught of heavy rains. In some un-

AGAIN, GARBAGE IS A MAJOR HEAD- ple slike literally swim alongside together

We are again spending millions of publie funds just to clean up clogged waterways or pay local government units that are willing to become the dumping ground of our garbage, sacrificing the health of communities in the process.

Bad governance and lack of awareness are a recipe for disaster.

Just last Aug. 10, a portion of the Payaras dump collapsed again. Luckily, there were no human casualties this time. However, this dump releases 63 million liters of leachate per year, thus continuously polluting the groundwater of Quezon

The Ecological Solid Waste Management Act has already provided local goverament units with a comprehensive framework on how to properly address

in sites like those in Payatas and Ro-

driguez, which should have already been closed since 2006. Segregating waste at source and composting biodegradable waste will lessen emission of methane gas and belp mitigate global warming.

Ensuring that every barangay is ecologically managing its own waste is more cost-effective and sustainable. It will empower citizens to be conscious of their environment and it makes sure that our meager public funds are not squandered on costly waste disposal systems that put our health and environment at risk,

The "collect and dump" waste management system only makes corrupt individuals and politicians richer at our ex-

-- REI A. PANALIGAN,

### Wanted: transparent, reasonable power fees

THIS CONCERNS THE LATEST REPORT of Meralco re the Automatic Generation Rate Adjustment (Agra) mechanism.

In the July billing statements of Meralco, a four-paragraph update on Agra was highlighted with the announcement that the generation charge to be paid by the consumers for the month of July was PS.6764/kWh. To alleviate the Impact of this news, Meralco of course had to deliberately omit any reference to the fact that this figure was originally P4.42/kWh as of August 2006. Hence, within a period of one year, the generation charge increased by P1.26/kWh.

Regardiess of public opinion on the unpopular Power Purchase Adjustments (PPA), the Electric Power Industry Reform Act of 2001 (Epira) still deregulated the generation sector, Hence, for lack of authority on the part of the Energy Regulatory Commission to control the prices fixed by the independent power producers

The recent approval of the amendments to the implementing rules of Epira makes matters worse. Such amendments eliminated the necessity of publication before any adjustment in the generation charges may be made. "Automatic" is the word used in Agra, and it does imply a violation of the right of the consumers to

The clientele of Meralco is already bleeding financially because of the upward trend in the generation rates. With this development on "automatic" adjustments, the ordinary paying consumers will bleed more, Worse, it will be too dire because it is now impossible for them to see what will hit them as their right to be informed on the metter of rate adjustments has been taken away.

Enough of suphemisms. What we need is an urgent and genuine reform in the power industry. The consumers deserve transparent and reasonable prices of elec-

> -RAMMEL I, BONAVENTE, coithram@yahoo.com

#### Farmers, fisherfolk are Landbank's top clients

THIS IS IN RESPONSE TO THE LETTER, TItled "Carping about CARP," of Stephen L. Monsanto. (INQUIRER, B/24/07) Please allow us to clarify two erroneous points raised in the let-

One, Monsanto alleged that "farmers, to them (Landbank), are all deadbeats."

On the contrary, Landbank has identified the farmers and the fisherfolk as its mandated clients and key development partners in promoring economic growth in the countryside. Landbank thus concentrates its support on these and other priority sectors, name.y microenterprises and SMEs, ivenhood, agribusiness, agri-infrastructure, agri-related and environment-related projects.

While most commercial banks shy away from lending to farmers and fisherfolk, both of which are considered high-risk, Landbank leads in extending credit to them. As of June this year, Landbank's total loans to its priority sectors reached P79.1 billion, representing 70 percent of the bank's total loan portfolio of P112.7 billion. Of this amount, the outstanding loans to its mandated clients-small farmers and fisherfolk-reached P15.3 billion coursed through 809 accredited cooperatives and 301 countryside financial institutions.

For the first half of 2007, Landbank released P7.5 billion, benefiting more than 171,000 small farmers and fisherfolk nationwide. These loans bankroiled such economic activities as crop production, livestock and fishery ventures, agricultural services and marketing

Two. Monsanto said that Landbank branches are "nestied right smack in urban centers."

Among the country's commercial banks, Landbank holds the distinction of being present in all 81 provinces of the country, it is present in far-flung areas such as Batanes, Basilan, Sulu and Tawi-Tawi Landbank has the most extensive network spanning across the nation—with 323 branches and extension offices, its presence in the countryside is primarily to service the banking requirements of the rural communities, particularly the farmers and fisherfolk, the SMEs and micro-enterprises, the local government units and other key sectors that Land-

bank considers as development parmers. -AGUSTIN R.A. APILADO, assistant vice president, Corporate Affairs Department, Land Bank of the Philippines, Malate, Manila

#### Torture charges untrue

MAY WE COMMENT ON TONETTE OREJAS' article titled "Marcos-era form of torture stays alive in the Army," (Inquirer, 7/15/07)

The alleged torture of a certain "Guiao" by soldiers of the 69th Infantry Battallon is not true. He was invited and not forced to report to the 69th IB. He has actually signed a certificate that he was released unharmed on the same date. Purthermore, the five personalities mennoned in the article never showed up to make a statement, but they were later identified by the villagers as communist terrorists

The troops of the 69th IB and 24th IB operacing to the area of Pampanga were actively promoting peace; hence, the acts of violence allegedly committed by them are all false charges purposely designed to discredit the military in the area. It is clear that Karapatan is spreading this propaganda against the military to project a negative image of these units.

The 69th IB welcomes an investigation regarding the matter. A formal complaint has yet to be filed in court, but the matter has already been directly brought to the attention of the media, which is not the proper forum for resolving the case.

-MAJ. PERNANDO M. LOS BANES, chief/spokesman, Public Affairs, 7th Infantry (Kaugusy) Division, Philippine Army, Port Ramon Mageaysay, Palayan City

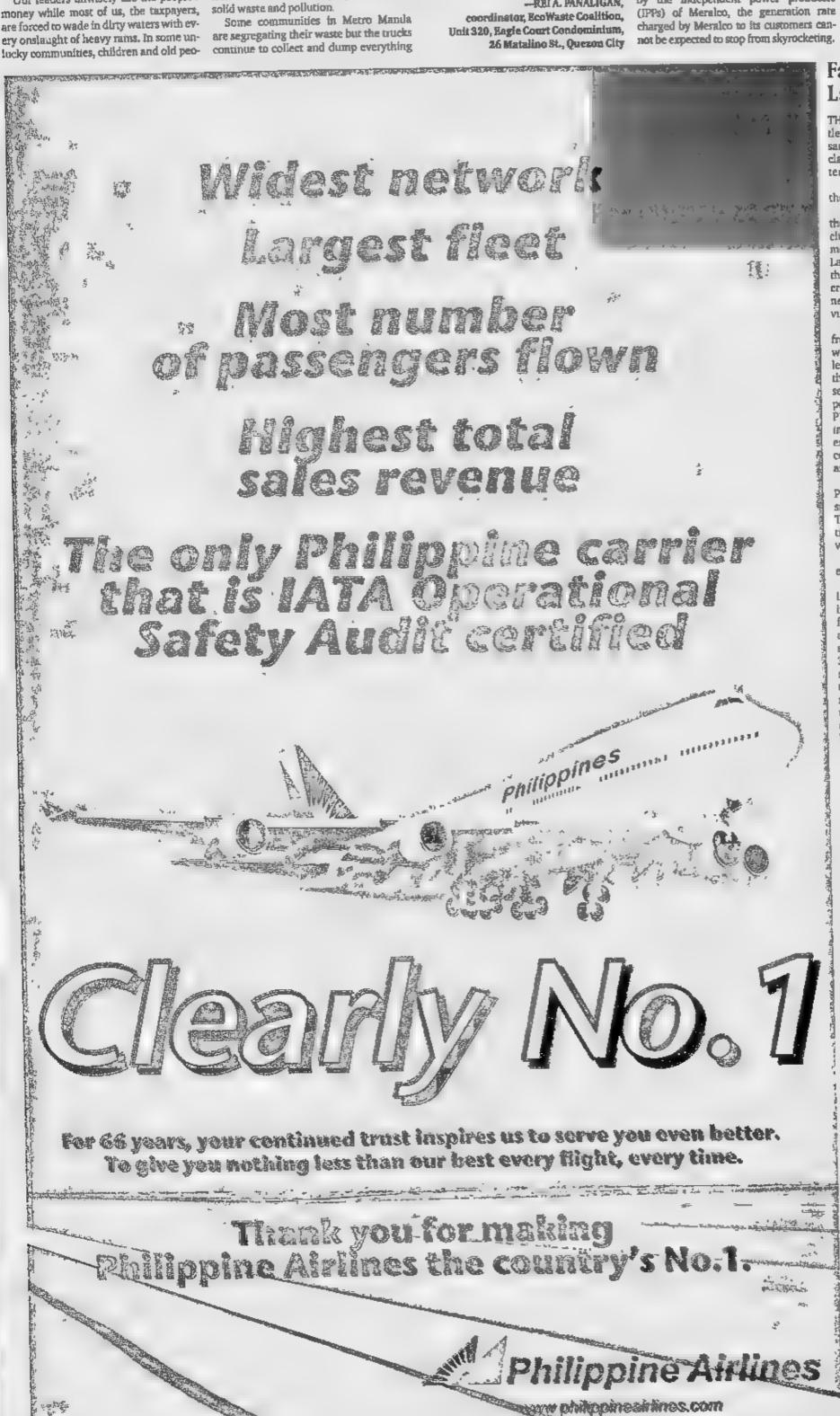
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If he were just alive today, he would be so happy and proud. More power to the Filipino fighters

-- DON OLYMPIA, donolympia@msn.com



## Reds in exile fear for comrades in RP after police raid

By Jerome Aning, and Delfin Mallari Inquirer Southern Luzon

ments seized in connection with the ar- lands, the Dutch police raided seven

rest of communist leader Jose Ma. Si son last month because it would endanger the lives of many people.

In a statement released Saturday, NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC NDF International Information Office Front of the Philippines has asked a executive director Ruth de Leon said Netherlands court not to allow the re- that simultaneous with the arrest of Si lease to Philippine authorities of docu- son on Aug. 27 in Utrecht, the Nether-

seized computers, flash memory drives, digital cameras and other items that contained information about people who had been in touch with the NDFP, the political wing of the Communist Party of the Philippines whose leaders are on self-imposed exile in the Netherlands.

"The lives of these persons will directly be put in danger if these (information materials) are given over to Philippine authorities or to foreign intelligence services such as

Agency," NDFP lawyer Bernard Tomlow had said in a letter earlier this month to Judge Commissioner LK van Zaltbommel of the court in The Hague that is bearing the case against Sison.

De Leon sa.d Tomlow reminded Van Zaltbommel that "hundreds of persons have been murdered, some in a brutal manner, since President Arroyo took power in 2001, among them journalists, judges and lawyers, a bishop, priests, students and teachers, and human rights activists."

"It is not unthinkable that Nether-

homes of members of the group. They the United States' Central Intelligence lands authorities will be responsible for new murders, if the information will be traded," Tomlow added.

Tomlow asked the Judge Commissioner for the immediate return of the arnoles taken during the house searches, stressing that other members of the NDFP to whom the serzed articles belonged were not sus-

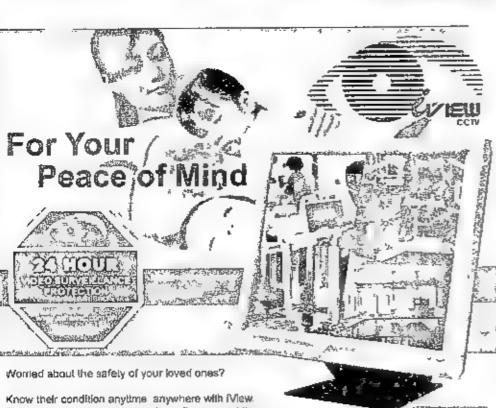
pects in the case against Sison. Sison, 68, founder of the Communist Party of the Philippines, was arrested in connection with the murders in the Philippines of former communist rebel leaders Romulo Kintanar and Alturo, Tabara in 2003 and 2006, respectively.



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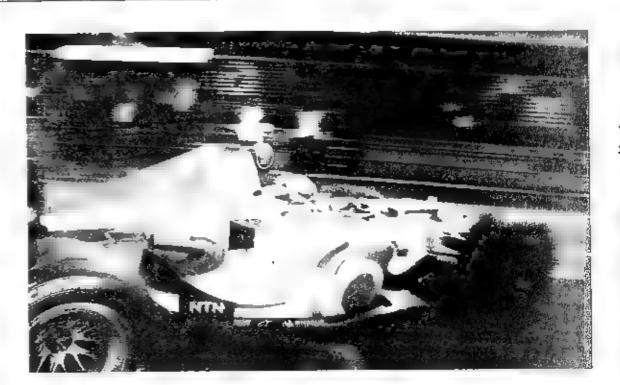
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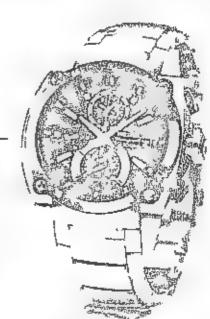
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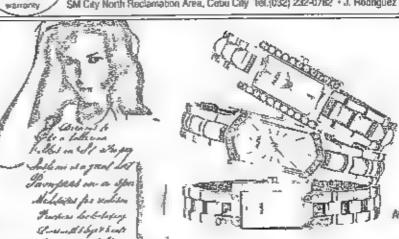
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## Abalos impeachment eyed

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## Erap sees 102-yr-old mother in hospital bed

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meeting between deposed President Joseph Estrada and the ailing 102-year-old Mary Ejercito at her bedside in an isolation room at the San Juan Medical Center

On Wednesday, the Sandiganbayan Special Division will hand down its verdict in the 6year-old trial of Estrada, accused of illegally amassing P4 billion from gambling payoffs and tobacco tax kickbacks, and of falsely declaring his assets.

Opposition leaders said they expected Estrada's supporters to hold demonstrations to coincide with the verdict. The police are mobilizing about 6,000 troops around the courthouse and at Malacañang.

Connected to life-sustaining machines, Estrada's frail mother managed to give her 70-year-old son a "very brief" gaze to acknowledge his presence before going back to sleep, the aide said.

The visit lasted just three

Talking with the INQUIRER later, Estrada rejected the thought of unhooking his mother from the machines, although the final word on whether to pull the ping was his. He said he was leaving it all up to God.

"We'll wait up to the last breath," Estrada said, lament ing the timing of two major events in his life his mother in

the Sandiganbayan about to issue its verdict.

The court gave the ousted President a 10-hour pass yesterday to visit his mother before the Sept. 12 promulgation.

Ferdi Ramos, Estrada's media heison, said the mother-andson encounter ended with the son retreating to a room hurriedly prepared for him just across from his mother's.

There, Ramos said, Estrada sat by himself on a plastic chart at the foot of an empty bed, try ing to seek solace in the silence in the room.

#### 'I don't know what to do'

"He did not mention anything about the promulgation on Wednesday," Ramos said. "It was enough for him that his mother saw him."

Moments later, former Sen-Ernesto Maceda came into the room to chat.

"I cannot talk to my Mama anymore. She's in critical condition. I am at a loss, I don't know what to do," Estrada said when reached by phone later in the afternoon after meeting with his lawyers at his residence on Polk Street, Greenhills.

Estrada's siblings-Pilarica, Paulino, Patrocinio and Marita-were also at the hospital. Estrada was seen to be holding back tears.

Ramos said he overheard

and sisters with these words: "Be strong. Don't worry about

#### No politics, please

In Sydney, Australia, where she was on a visit to attend a summit of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) forum, President Macapagal-Arroyo brushed off questions on the forthcoming Estrada ver-

"No, I don't discuss politics," Ms Arroyo told reporters. "I told you, only Apec issues."

Presiding Sandiganbayan -Justice Teresita Leonardo de Castro chairs the Special Division: Associate Justices Francisco Villaruz Jr. and Diosdado Peralta are the members.

Politicians flocked to Estrada's home on Polk Street yesterday to offer "moral support" to the former President. They included Senators Manuel Villar, Aquilino Pimentel Jt., Panfilo Lacson and Manuel Roxas II, Cagayan de Oro Rep. Rufus Rodriguez and Makati City Mayor Jeromar Binay.

Binay said Estrada's supporers were planning to hold railies on judgment day.

To those who harbor "malicious" thoughts about the gatherings, Bunay assured them that they would hold peaceful ral-

hospital lying seriously ill and Estrada consoling his brothers peat of Edsa 3-the angry 2001. march of Estrada supporters to Malacañang culminating in a ri-Palace tine outside gates-both Binsy and Navotas City Mayor Toby Tlangco said they could not assure anyone that there would be no repeat of the Palace siege.

"We don't know what the people's feelings will be," Binay

Sen. Jinggoy Estrada, Estrada's son and coaccused in the case, urged his father's supporters to "pray for an acquittal." Starting today, the Estrada family will hold a vigil at Polk Street to pray for his father's release, he said.

#### Erap confident

A statement read to reporters by Rodriguez said Estrada was confident the court would acquit him.

it said Estrada would accept the court's decision, noting that the people "have already acquitted" him.

The lawyers recognize that it was just not a criminal trial but more of a political one ... The President and his counsel are still hoping that the Saudiganbayan will decide the case based solely on the merits and on no other considerations," the statement said.

Estrada and his lawyers—Jay Flaminiano, Jose Flaminiano, Asked if there would be a re- Rene Saguisag and Estelito

Mendoza-met at Polk yesterday to discuss their legal moves in case of an acquittal or a con-

They also talked about lastminute pleadings to the Sandiganhavan, including their request to air live the promulgation of the decision.

#### A quiet life

If acquitted, Estrada said he would go straight to the nearest church to thank God "for the vindication of his name."

If convicted, Estrada said his counsel would file a motion for reconsideration and appeal the sentence to the Supreme Court.

"As to where he will be detained pending appeal of his case, he will likewise leave that to the court's wisdom. Whatever the decision of the Sandiganbayan, he will accept it," Rodriguez said.

Estrada is ready to live a quiet life if the court acquits him, the congressman said.

"He will not reclaim the presidency of which he was unconstitutionally ousted. He said he would act as an elder statesman to give advice on governance and nation-building with preferential attention to the poor," Rodriguez said.

Security was strict during Estrada's San Juan visit. The antigraft court prohibited him from giving interviews, forcing the media to resort to ambush

Lorenzo Hocson, the Estrada family physician, said Mary Ejercito's condition was "stable and guarded," a month after she was admitted to the hospi tal with pneumonia.

Hocson said the physicians attending to the Ejercito matri arch constantly update Estrada on his mother's condition, in cluding the two minor surgeries she underwent recently.

Hocson said the doctors had to insert a tube in her throat to help her breathe and a feeding tube in the left side of her stom

Because of her age, it has been difficult for doctors to stabilize her condition and come pletely eradicate her pneumož nia, Hocson said, But she can still hear and understand any one who talks to her, he said.

Former Ilocos Sur Gov. Luis "Chavit" Singson, the chief prosecution witness against Estrada, said yesterday he was "very, very confident that the evidence presented (against Estrada) was overwhelming to merit his conviction."

Singson claimed Estrada's admission that he signed as "Jose Velarde" in a bank document clinched the prosecution's case. "I think (it was the) final nail," he said. With reports from Juliet Labog-Javellana and Leoncio Balbin Jr., Inquir er Northern Luson

## 9-hour Filipino film

Venice Film Pestival on Satur-

The top prize went to "Wuyong (Useless)" by China's Jia Zhangke.

Diaz and Zhangke won against such name directors as Jonathan Demme and Julian Schnabel Last year, renowned director Spike Lee won the award in this category for "When the Levees Broke: A Requiem in Four Acts."

"Long live Philippine Cinema!" Diaz proclaimed in his acceptance speech. "In spite of all the madness in this world, it's still have cinema. We have the Venice Film Festival I would ake to thank all the people who worked so hard for this film for nine months."

Earlier, the cast and crew walked the red carpet. They were met by Venice Pilm Pestival director Marco Muller who posed with them for pictures. Then he guided them inside the screening venue for the start of the "Encantos," which was given the closing night honors.

The new work of Mindanaoborn Diaz, described in the festival website as "one of the astonishing new South East Asian auteurs," bested entries by filmmakers from around the world, including name American filmmakers.

#### Reviewing 'Reming'

A mixture of documentary and fiction, "Encantos" tells the story of a fictional Filipino poet, Benjamin Agusan, who returns to his hometown in Padang, Bicol, in the aftermath of the destruction and tragedy wrought by Supertyphoon "Reming." Agusan had spent several years in Russia on a scholarship grant.

The jury of the Horizons (Orizzonti) Documentary secnon watched "Encantos" in two installments. Paolo Bertolin, who helped the festival by coordinating with Diaz, told the In-QUIRER that the jury's screening for "Encantos" was held on Thursday evening and Friday morning.

Diaz worked frantically to finish the film in time for the festival's jury and public screenings. Diaz, Bertolin and the festival organizers heaved a collective sigh of relief when the "Encantos" tapes finally arrived on Tuesday.

Sharing the film's triumph in Venice with Diaz, who was also the cinematographer and editor, are production supervisor Laurel Penaranda, production designer and actor Dante Perez, actors Roeder Camanag (who plays fictional poet, Benjamin Agusan), Perry Dizon (Teodoro) and Amaha Virtucio (albularya

Send-up to father

or quack doctor)

Diaz acknowledged the Film Development Council of the Philippines (FDCP) for giving them travel grants and National Commission on Culture and the Arts (NCCA) executive director Cecile Guidote-Alvarez for helping secure the group's visas and plane tickets.

"Encantos" mixes documentary and fiction. In an e-mail interview, Diaz described his film and his main character, Agusan. "I created Benjamin with no particular Filipino artist or persona in mind. My subconscious still a nice place to live in. We merely flowed with all the threads that ended up with the lead character in the nine-hour film. But, Benjamin's journey is familiar terrain for the aesthetic traveler-the search for beauty, real love, redemption, and for answers that could push humanity to greater heights."

He added: "The Russian bit is a send-up to my late father, although he never went to Russia. Yes. I know how it feels to be alone in distant lands-I know about solitude and sorrow, so I know Benjamin Agusan."

#### Asians rule

Taiwanese director Ang Lee's sexually explicit spy thriller "Lust, Caution" was the surprise winner of the top award at the Venice film festival, just two years after he won with "Brokeback Mountain."

The movie is a World War II thriller set in Shanghar featuring long and sometimes violent sex scenes Lee has hinted were real.

The verdict means Asian directors have won the Golden Lion on the Lido waterfront for

the past three years. The Silver Lion for best director went to US filmmaker Brian De Palma, whose "Redacted" shocked audiences with its brutal reconstruction of the reallife rape and murder of a 14year-old Iraqi girl by American soldiers in 2006.

#### Best actress, actor

Todd Haynes, one of six US productions in competition, scooped a runner-up slot with "I'm Not There," his conceptual biopic about singer-songwriter Bob Dylan.

In a bold piece of casting, Australian-born Cate Blanchett was one of six performers to play the singer-poet Bob Dylan at various stages of his life, and it paid off when she was named best actress in Venice.

Hollywood star Brad Pitt was the surprise winner of the best actor award for his portrayal of legendary outlaw Jesse James in "The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford." With reports from Laurei Lee Peñaranda and Reuters

#### Apec steel fences rented from Bayani? She also charmed her way to

pagal-Arroyo noticed the concrete and steel fences put up in this city to protect the 21 leaders in the two-day Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) summit which ended yesterday.

"I wonder where they rented the steel fences," Ms Arroyo quipped during an almost two-hour chat with reporters in her suite at the Four Seasons lare Saturday night. "Fernando," one reporter said.

Ms Arroyo laughed and said: "That's everybody's joke. You all remembered Bayam when you saw the fences," referring to Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA). Fernando's ubiquitous pink

fences on Edsa and the Apec's grey fences in Sydney looked like they were cast from the same mold. Reportedly Australia's most

stringent security lockdown in its history, the 10-foot high steel out his pen and take notes.

fences sealed off most of the city's central business district, the areas surrounding the Opera House and the hotels where Apec leaders US President George W. Bush, Chinese President Hu Jintao, Russian President Vladimir Putin and even Ms Arroyo were billeted.

As part of the security, Blackhawk helicupters flew over Sydmey and its airspace was declared a no-fly zone. Royal Australian Navy ships patrolled the harbor, there were divers acouring the waters and more than 1,500 personnel of the Australian Defense Porce were deployed around the city.

The government had de-Bayani Fernando, chair of the clared a holiday on Friday and most Sydneysiders, turned off by the security lockdown, reportedly left the city while the world's most powerful leaders mixed business with pleasure during the Apec days.

Ms Arroyo used woman power to the max at the Apec summit, prompting Bush to whip

an informal meeting with Hu, who yesterday invited her to attend the special Olympic World Summer Game in Shanghai next month. Ms Arroyo accepted. Aside from Bush and Hu, Ms

Arroyo met with Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Badawi, New Zealand Prime Minister Helen Clark and That Prime Mintster Surayud Chulanont on the sidelines of the two-day Apec summit which ended yesterday. Ms Arroyo surprised reporters and her own officials when she

broke the news that she already had meetings with Bush, Hu and Badawi, as well as with Clark and Chulanont which were not on her schedule. She said her meetings took

place during coffee breaks or while they were waiting for the Apec sessions to begin. While waiting on Saturday, Ms

Arroyo and Badawi decided to sit down and talk although their bilateral meeting was set for Sunday. (Story on Page A24.)

"That's the style now, it's more practical," she said of the informal "pull-aside" meetings. Ambassador Marciano Paynor Jr., chief of presidential protocol, said pull-asides were. in fact, more substantive and more significant than the formal sit down meetings that are

planned in advance In pull-asides, the leaders are just talking to one another, without their ministers and staff getting in the way, and they can talk more freely even on contennous issues, according to Paynor.

Although her formal bilateral meeting with Bush was canceiled on Friday, Ms Arroyo managed to get Bush's ear in two informal encounters where she made sure the US president would remember his promise to support the Filipino veterans bill, military aid for the purchase of firepower and vessels for the "South Coast Watch" border patrol against terrorists, and the construction of roads and airports in Sulu and Basilan.

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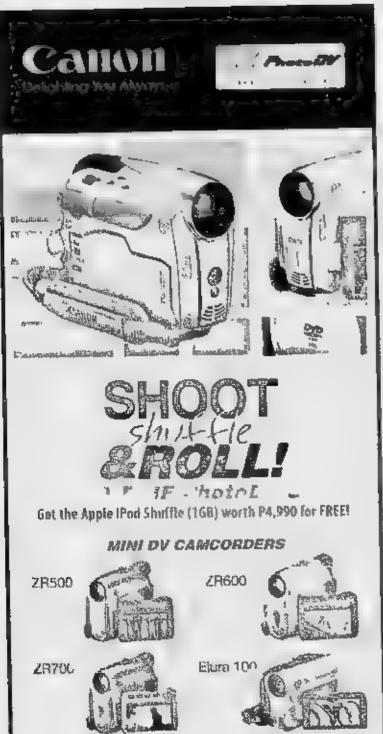
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at least eight kinds of documents and answers from Mayor Jeffrey Khonghun through a let-

ter on Sept. 3.

**Documents** 

tles to the residents.

The task force, headed by former Vice Gov. Ramon Lacbain rushed with work since the resi-II, had found "several structures missing and damaged" at the upland relocation site located off the coast of the Redondo ready want the site."

on Sunday that he received a copy of the letter and that he would furnish the task force dents for compensation damwith documents.

He said structures were damaged because the "contractors dents did not want to leave and Hanjin and the [Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority] al-

TONETTE T OREJAS

SBMA Administrator Armand Khonghun told the Inquirer Arreza said it was the representatives of Hanjin, not SBMA's, who negotiated with the resi-

Khonghun and Zambales former handling the P24million budget as payments for de-

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Khonghan also said he could not accede to the requests to repair and complete the structures since there were no more funds for these

He said a Departof Public ment Works and Highways team had assessed that the con-North tractor. Hardware Bound and General Merchandise, had spent P22.5 million for the structures on site.

#### Cost

Inquirer An source at the DP WH, however, said the structures on site cost only P3 mil hon.

Hanjin, in a March 2006 amended lease agreement with Khonghun and Arreza, said it should be "free from any cost overrun or any other demands whatsoever from any entities in rela tion to the project beyond the [P18 million] sum."

#### Improvements

Khonghun said the town govern ment could improve the relocation site with the help of the SBMA and the national government

The task force, on the order of Gov. Amor Deloso, has asked the Subic gov ernment to demolish two damaged school buildings, construct a footbridge, build three elevated water tanks, do slope protection works, improve the roads and dramage system, and provide electricity to the site.

Tonette Orejas, Inquirer Central Lu-

## Across the NATION

## BCDA exec OKs third-party evaluation of expressway

SUBIC BAY FREEPORT-A TOP official of the Bases Conversion Development Authority has not opposed a proposal of a private advocacy group to do an independent engineering evaluation of the P27-billion Subic-Clark-Tariac Expressway now that the project is in its final stage of construction.

"Walang problema (There's no problem)," BCDA executive vice president Isaac Puno III said after he spoke to leaders of the Advocacy for the Development of Central Luzon (ADCL) who capped here their inspection of the Bataan-Pampanga segment of the 94-km highway on Saturday.

However, Puno said there were "already several redundancies" in that undertaking

"Aside from our consultants, we have an inter-agency [constructors performance evaluation system or CPES] group and a quantity surveyor that's looking at what the contractors are doing. We have a different group that's doing the punch listing (quality evaluation). We also have the [Toll Regulatory Board] that is doing an independent certification [of work] and then there's the Commission on Audit," Puno said.

The BCDA, as the proponent of the SCTEx, has hired the Japanese consulting consortium Pacific Consultants International, Katahira and Engineers Internabonal and Nippon Koei Co. Ltd

The BCDA has two CPES teams comprised of government engineers, according to Regina Salvi Lapuz, BCDA contracts management chief.

BCDA president Narciso Abaya, in an earlier statement, said punch listing or the process of conducting a quality checklist for every 20-meter sub-segment is being done by SCTEx project managers.

Puno said the evaluation is done "to protect the interest of the government and the contractors."



PORTIONS of the Subic-Clark-Tariac Expressway on the Bataan-Pampanga side remained unfinished and the contractor has seven months more up to March 2008 to complete what government touts as a world-TONETTE T. OREJAS class highway.

The Philippine government has Joint Venture (HTN) on the obtained a P23.06-billion loan and shelled out P4 billion from BCDA funds to build this major infrastructure that links the Subic and Clark freeports and the Luisita Industrial Park in Tariac City.

The loan comes with an interperiod of 10 years and repayment period of 30 years

BCDA's contractors—Kajıma-Obayashi-JFE Engineering and Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd. Joint Venture (KOJM) on the Bataan-Pampanga side and Hazama-Taisei-Nippon Steel

Pampanga-Clark side—have infrom the Japanese government curred delays largely due to nght-of-way problems.

KOJM, now 87 percent done with its work, has been given four months more up to March 2008 to finish its 50.5-km segment. HTN, already 97 percent finished, est rate of 0.95 percent, grace. has been allowed a 54-day extension up to October to complete its 43.27-km portion, according to Roberto Gervacio, SCTEx manager for operational support.

With five groups doing the evaluation, Puno said. "Talagang salang-sala na yan (it is really being thoroughly evaluated)."

He did not say though if the evaluation proposed by ADCL needed the nod of the BCDA

"We are open, Nobody is stopping anybody [from conducting an evaluation]," Puno told ADCL chair Rene Romero.

Puno encouraged some 30 business leaders of ADCL to continue involving themselves in monitoring activities because the SCTEx's final phase was the "most critical stage" of the project.

"We want it to be finished according to standards," he said. Tonette Orejas, Inquirer Central Luxon

#### ROUNDUP

#### British funds cops' training

PARANG, Shariff Kabunsuan-The British government has earmarked some \$49,000 for the training of Marawl City policemen in a bid to turn them into model law entorcers, Chief Supt. Joel Gothac, chief of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) po-

Aside from training the police force on crime documentation and community policing, the British government will also construct a new police station there, Goitiao added "This is big help for our cops. Once : completed, we will make the police force there as our model in the entire region," Goltiao said

Marawi City would be the second recipient of the British-assisted project that aims to standardize systems and procedures, technical and equipment capabilities and physical infrastructure of police stations natronwide. Earlier the Marikina City police also received the same assis-Jeoffrey Maitem, Inquirer Mindanao

#### Davao pact with China city

DAVAD CITY-The cities of Davao and Nanning. China signed a friendship pact to boost trade, commerce, invastments, tourism, education

Mayor Rodrigo Duterte said there were no specific investments discussed between the two cities yet but he hoped that deals could be

"China is buying almost everything. China is ready to invest China holds a great promise to catch up with the rest of world. We have the resources, raw materials but China has the money." Outerts told reporters at the Marco Polo hotel here during the

Duterte said Davao businessmen will fly to Nanning in October, "We will be bringing trade delegates, businessmen and investors and that is

Nanning Mayor Chen Xlanggun said the visit would be an opportunity for Davao businessman to show their products. He also said he was hoping that the future business deals between his city and Davao would result in the opening of an air route between the two cities. Badille, Inquirer Mindanao

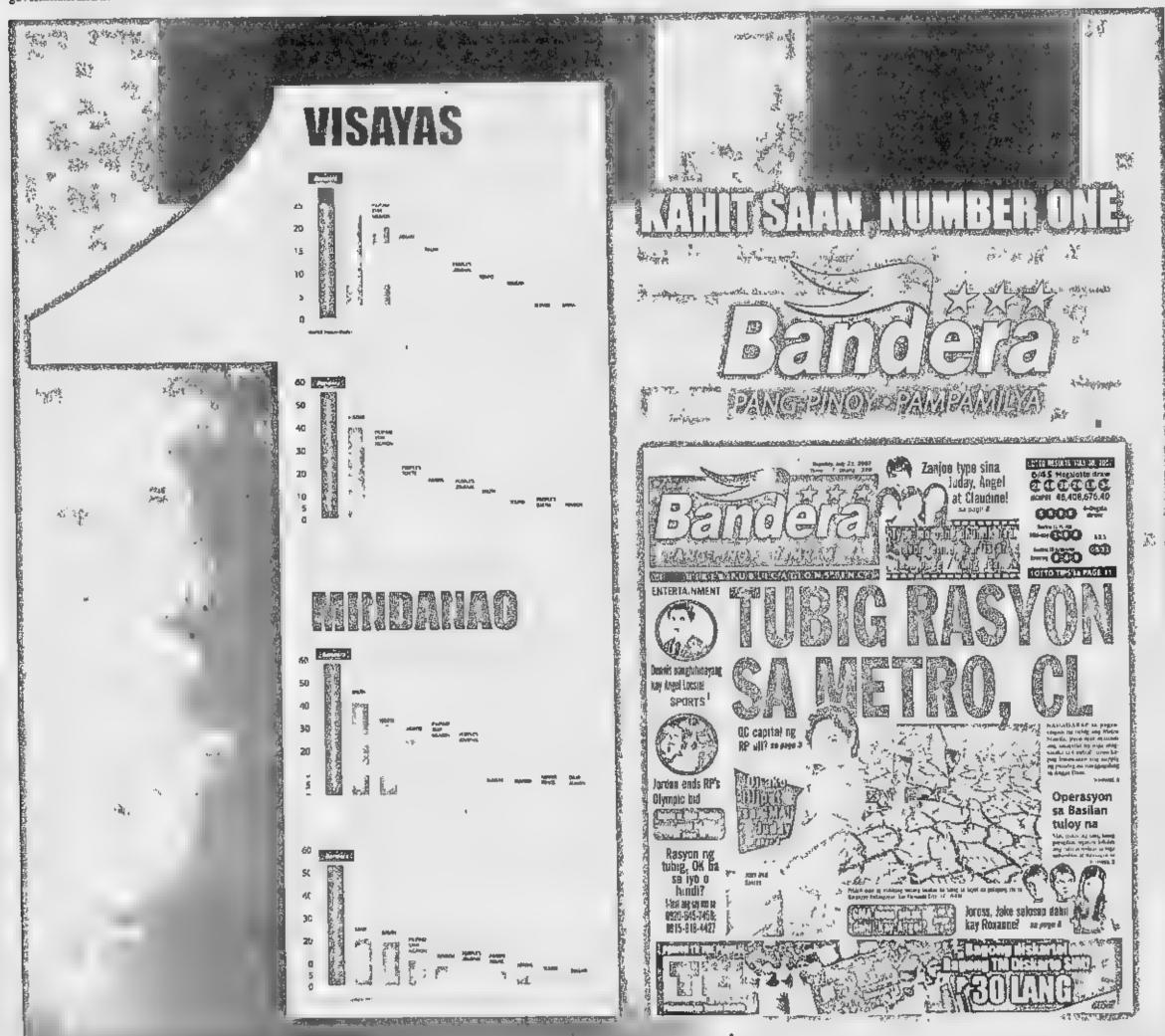
#### 3 persons slain in ambush

MATALAM, North Cotabato—Three people, including a member of the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF), were killed during an ambush staged by unidentified gunmen here on Sept. 2, an MNLF commander

Data Dima Ambili chair of the MNLF's Sebangan Kutawato State Revolutionary Committee (SKSRC), identified the victims as his close-insecurity escort, Ryan Onotan, 25, Bersola Mulod, and 13-year-old girl

Ambi said the three victims were on their way home from a wedding around 11:00 p.m. when attacked near Illan vulage.

"He (Onotan) was the main target. We are looking into love triang: and perhaps, agaw armas, because his M-16 rifle was missing." Ambi-Jeoffrey Mattem, Inquirer Mindenso



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## Across the NATION

## Firm behind Romblon oil leak lacks ECC

-The shipping company be- Romblon did not have a envi- cia. said on Thursday.

CAMP VICENTE LIM, LAGUNA an oil leak off the coast of ations in the area, a police offi- so revealed that Mayor Lemuel Cipriano of Concep-

> retrieve the wreck of MV Mactan despite its failure to present pertinent documents for the activity.

He said the may or had already suspended the operation of the shipping company upon confirming the oil leak on Wednesday, a day after it was first reported.

"That's the problem. mayor allowed the operation to proceed even though the company had no ECC and necessary permits," Velando told the IN-JUIRER in a phone nterview

#### Explosives

When asked if the mayor was iware that the personnel behind the salvaging op-PRODUCTIVATE MANAGEMENT explosives, lit said "Of course The mayor knew

Asked why the local police allowed the blasting operanons if it did not have any ECC, he replied. "Because they had a permit (Camp) from Crame for the exp.osives P

He also admitted that the place where the blasting activities pened was near the ine of coral reefs. which is home to hundreds of sea plant and animal species.

"If there would be somebody should guard the area, it should be the mayor's men," he argued

Velando said the compartment containing the

The nine-day Penafrancia fiesta, which starts on the first Friday

of September, attracts mostly male devotees. Msgr. Romulo Vergara, rector of Our Lady of Peñafrancia Basilica said the local Church prepares for the biggest event of the decade when the tricentennial celebration of the devotion to the Ina culminates on 2010. From 2007 to 2008, the image of the Ina will visit all the 300 parishes in Blcol, covering six dioceses and one prelature. HIND JESUS ORBETAINQUIRER SOUTHERN LUZON

damaged by the explosives used lice, said the shipping firm sold in the salvaging operation, thus causing the leak.

But he maintained that the leak was just "m.n.ma." and did not pose any serious threat to marine life in the

#### III-fated ship

He said the company, which supposedly owned the submerged passenger ship that sank sometime in 1973, had been recovering parts of the wreckage since

He said that from the time the company started retrieving the il-fated ship, its personnel used explosives to cut its metal por-

PO1 Joel de Castro, case inmight have been vestigator of the Rombion po-

whatever it recovered from the

De Castro said his office was informed of the oil leak after residents held a protest raily to denounce the activity of the company

The wreck, he said, was located just a few kilometers away from the coast.ine of Barangay Magadia and within municipal fishing grounds.

He said the fishermen feared that the liters of oil sheen that were washed ashore could ad versely affect their health and l,velihood

He said that based on their mitta, inspection, the contaminant on the water was crude oil.

Marlon Ramos, Inquirer Southern Luxon



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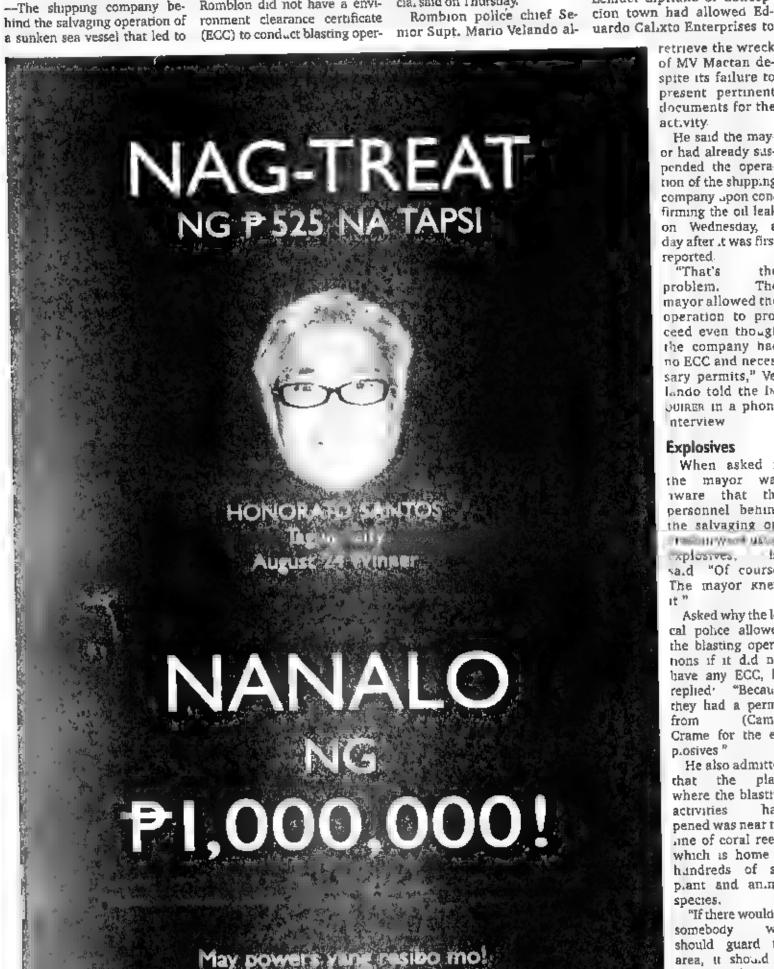
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Inquirer Visayas

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experts have identified four prov-

inces in Eastern Visayas, along with

23 others, as having areas that are

high-risk to landslide and flooding

Salvador Estudillo, Office of Civil

Defense (OCD) regional director,

named the Eastern Visayas

provinces as Leyte, Southern Leyte,

Northern Samar and Eastern

Surigao del Norte, Bohol, Autora,

Pampanga, Cavite, Catanduanes,

Zambales, Antique, Ilocos Sur,

Abra, Zamboanga del Sur, Laguna,

Quirino, Agusan, Nueva Vizcaya,

Cagayan Isa-bela, Zamboanga

Sibuquey, Rizal, Iloilo, Ilocos Norte

The OCD identified these

provinces in its Hazard Mapping

and Assessment for Effective Com-

muruty-based Disaster Risk Man-

during the rainy season.

with disaster-prone areas

Development Program, it identifies

disaster-prone areas through the

production of multihazard maps,

develops information education

and communication strategies and

materials, and installs community-

encourage concerned municipal

and barangay governments to re-

view their development plans and

come up with ordinances to reduce

In Leyte, the Mines and Geo-

sciences Bureau has identified 602

said Karlo Queaño, senior science

Of the barangays assessed, 117

were found to have high landslide

susceptibility, 240 have moderate

susceptibility, and 245 have low

The remaining 739 villages were

Leyte has 1,641 barangays, but

some far-flung barangays were not

reached during the rapid assess-

found to be not susceptible to land-

research specialist of the MGB.

Estudillo said the project would

based early warning systems.

the risk of disaster.

susceptibility

Other provinces with disaster- of the 1,341 barangays assessed

Also known as the ready project ment on landslide and flooding sus-

and funded by the United Nations ceptibility conducted by MGB geol-

prone areas are Surigao del Sur, early last year as landshde-prone,

4 provinces in E. Visayas

ogists from April 21 to May 12,

The assessment was conducted

shortly after the February 2006

landslide at Barangay Guinsaugon

of St. Bernard town in Southern

Leyte, which buried and killed over

Since then, the government has

produced multihazard maps that

include topographic maps for

floods, landshdes, storm surge, and

earthquake- and volcanic-related

Queaño was one of the discus-

sants in the seminar-workshop on

the results of the multihazard map-

ping in Leyte held in the city. He

talked about landslide hazards in

Rainfall, earthquake or man

made activities could trigger land-

slide particularly in areas where the

Signs of impending landslide in-

clude leaning doorjambs and win-

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and walls, cracks in roads that

slopes are steep, Queaño said.

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## Care programs for reporters of disasters urged

By Nestor P. Burgos Jr. Inquirer Visayas

and Benguet

agement project.

ILOILO CITY—JOURNALISTS have called on news organizations massive oil spills in Guimaras. to institute care programs for reporters covering disasters and emergencies so they would not be

traumatized by these events. Twenty journalists from regional newspapers in the Visayas, who attended a three-day seminar on reporting on disasters and emergencies organized by the Philippine Press Insutute and the United Nations Children's Fund (Unicef), said reporters, who extensively cover traumanc experiences and deal with victums, face the risk of psychological trauma.

They recommended in a workshop that news organizations orient their reporters bedeaung with disaster victims and survivors, especially those suffering from trauma, should be part of the orientation.

The reporters should also undergo debriefing after covering disasters and emergencies. They said reporters assigned to cover disasters and emergencies should be rotated to avoid trauma and other psychological effects of regularly covering these

Disasters and emergencies are among the biggest stories cov- abuse of family members.

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ered by journalists in the Visayas Reporters last year extensively covered the Guinsaugon landshde in Southern Leyte and the

While conscious of maintaining objectivity and detachment from the events they cover, reporters are not immune from mental and emotional stress that could result to trauma, said Dr. June Pagaduan-Lopez, a trauma expert of the University of the Philippines Department of Psychology.

Pagaduan-Lopez, one of the seminar speakers, said journalists were among the most vulnerable to psychological trauma because they were expected to be present even in the most harrowing experiences and events

"Journalists cannot be immune [to the impact of the disasters, fore they are sent to cover emer- armed conflicts and emergen- trist said one of the gencies and disasters. Tips on cies] even if there is pressure to most effective way be detached from the situation, she said

She said she had known of cases where reporters exposed for a long time to remains of flood or landslide victims manifested signs of trauma only when they had returned to survivors and those newsrooms or their homes

Journalists, who are expected to take even the most gruesome sights in stride, could manifest trauma through drinking, gambling and verbal and physical are also healing for

Pagaduan-Lopez said reporters chuld also experience "vicarious traumatization" for listening to accounts of victims and survivors during interviews. The psychological and emotional impacts accumulate when these are,

comes louder

continuously suppressed, she said "We don't know what toll it is taking on

reporters," she said She said traumatic events could "shatter" the spiritual values and beliefs, as well as the sense of safety of a person. These also lead people to isolate themselves.

Aside from debriefing sessions, news or-

gamzations should also rotate the reporters assigned to cover disasters and emergencies to remove them from the potentially traumatic environment, she

But the psychiaof dealing WILL stress and trauma in covering disasters emergencies was for reporters to write positive stories, especially of showing and reafhuman firming sacrifice, courage, faith and goodness.

"Positive stories reporters," she said.

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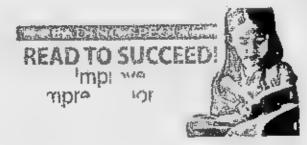






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"We talked about the peace process and

The President said Badawl was very keen

"Determined is the more descriptive word than optimistic because he wants-and we want—the peace talks to succeed," she said The President said they discussed details of

"We talked about a few details of the issue but not about the end-game, the time (for the final peace agreement), we didn't talk about

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## CA upholds GMA civil case against TV host, ABS-CBN

By Leila B. Salaverria

THE COURT OF APPEALS HAS RULED IN FAVOR OF GMA NETWORK Inc. which filed a civil case against its rival television network, ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp., for hiring actress Rosanna Roces as a show biz talk show host in 2004 despite the fact that she was still under contract with GMA.

"It is a basic postulate that every person must, in the exercise of his rights and in the performance of his duties, act with justice, give everyone his due, and observe honesty and good faith. The same rule applies even in cases of business competition for if it were otherwise, then there would be chaos and anarchy in society," the appellate court said in its Aug. 31 decision.

The court upheld a Quezon City regional trial court ruling which denied a motion

According to the appellate court, it found no merit in ABS-CBN's argument that since it is a business rival of GMA, its interference in the latter's business relations was justifiable.

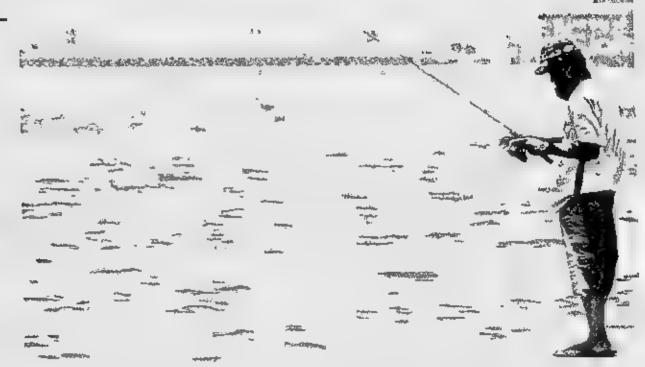
It also dismissed ABS-CBN's contention that Roces' contract with GMA could be considered terminated after she announced that she was retiring from the entertainment in-

dustry, a move that GMA did not object to.

Roces, Jennifer Molina in real life, had a contract with GMA to host the show biz talk show, "Startalk," from March 2003 to March 2005. When she announced her retirement from the entertainment industry in July 2004, she still had eight months left in her contract, which also prohibited her from appearing on shows with the same format as Startalk without GMA's consent.

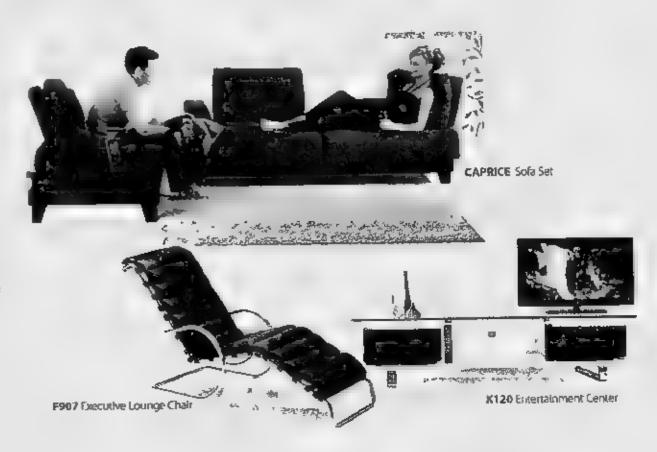
GMA filed the civil suit against ABS-CBN from ABS-CBN seeking to dismiss GMA's for hiring Roces as a co-host for its show biz talk show, "The Buzz," a few months after she said she was retiring from show business to spend more time with her family.

Shortly after her announcement, ABS-CBN aired plugs announcing the actress' appearance on "The Buzz." In December 2004, it hired her to co-host the show despite a letter from GMA informing them of Roces' existing contract with the network.



MINDLY HORISHNO

A man casts his fishing rod into the waters off Baywalk on Roxas Boulevard, hoping for a bite or two.



## Another student group seeks justice for UP hazing victim

By Kenneth M. del Rosario

ing victim Cris Anthony Mendez was affiliated with, have called for justice for his death.

week, nearly two weeks after Mendez died, following criticisms that it has not taken a stand on the incident.

"Amidst our incalculable grief, we chose not to respond to politically and electronically motivated insinuations that we are doing nothing. Instead, we chose to be with Cris' family and loved ones in their decent but determined quest for justice," it said.

Mendez, a senior public administration student, was the representative of his college-the National College of Public Administration and Governance (NCPAG)—to the UP Student Council. He ran and won as

councilor under Pulse-NCPAG.

In a copy of the statement obtained by MEMBERS OF THE STUDENT POLITICAL the INQUIRER, Pulse-NCPAG expressed surparty at the University of the Philippines in row over Mendez's "untimely death which Diliman, Ouezon City, that suspected haz- brought grief to everyone whose lives had been touched by the warmth he exuded and the conviction be embodied "

"His death was a profound loss and a gar-The Pulse-NCPAG issued a statement last gantuan blow to us all who were his fellow travelers in his journey to becoming a great student leader. Now, Cris is gone. He is never coming back home, he can no longer fulfill his dreams for his family," it added.

Mendez, whom the police believe died of hazmg-related injuries, was brought on Aug. 27 to the Veterans Memorial Medical Center where he was declared dead on arrival. An autopsy report said that he had been severely beaten up due to the numerous bruises all over his body.

investigators were checking reports that the victim joined the Sigma Rho fraternity before his death.

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## Hope, a sigh of relief and a home for Smokey Mountain residents

By Allison W. Lopez

RESIDENTS OF SMOKEY MOUNTAIN IN Tondo, Manila, are heaving a sigh of relief following the recent Supreme Court decision upholding the validity of the deal that transformed the former garbage dump into a housing project for scavengers

"Masaya kami kasi napanmayan na legal ang naging proseso sa Smokey Mountain. Maluwang ang pakiramdam, parang na-Solmux (an anticough medicine) no (We are happy because it was proven that the legal process was followed in Smokey Mountain. We feel relieved. It's like we took Solmux)," said Nenita Santiago, leader of the Smokey Mountain Albance of Concerned Beneficiaries.

In 2004, lawyer Frank Chavez questioned the joint-venture agreement between the National Housing Authority and R II Builders Inc. Chavez said RBI, the project developer, could not acquire the public lands for the 31 high-rise housing units.

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OF ALL the regions in the Philippines, Metro Man la had the highest unemployment rate (12.5 percent) in April 2007, to lowed by Central Luzon (10.2 percent). During the same period, the country had an unemployment rate of 7.4 percent. This means that about 2.7 million membars of the country's labor force (which had 36.4 mill on members) had no jobs. Cyril L. Bonabente, Inquirer Research

With the high court's ruling that the contract was "valid, legal and constitutional," the residents said they could now breathe freely.

Santiago's 36-square meter unit on the second floor of Building 15 may be a tight fit for her family of eight, but it has a small living room, a kitchen, toilet and bath and even a loft for the bedrooms.

Now, all they have to worry about is their livelihood, a problem for majority of the community's 25,000 residents, Santiago said.

She complained that although most women wanted to help augment their husbands' incomes, they could not find jobs because of their lack of skills and job opportunities.

"Sana matulungan kami sa livelihood, lalo no yung Tesda (Technical Education and Skills Development Authority) sa training (1 wish Tesda could help with our livelihood problem, especially with training)," she said.

Tesda, added Santiago, used to conduct livelihood courses in the area like paper flower making or food processing. There were also short seminars on making jewelry and throw pillows, which would have been useful but they didn't have the capital or a market for their products, Santiago added.

As a result, most beneficiaries have a hard time paying the amortization for their houses, she told the INQUIRER.

Despite financial constraints, Santiago said they felt luckier compared to other people who had no place of their own.

We're proud when people ask us where we live. Paradise Heights is really the name of the project but we call our group Smokey Mountain because we don't want to forget what we went through," she said in Tagalog.

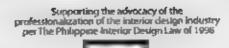


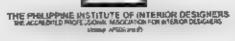














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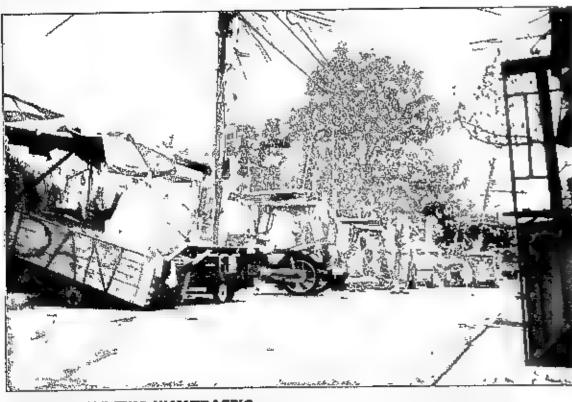




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## 2 priests to be arraigned on libel charges today



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THERE are plenty of drunk vagrants at the back of the A STREET crew digging near our subdivision here in

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JOHN CHUA, 42, Binondo, Manila

#### Where are traffic aides?

WANT to report the heavy traffic on Quirino Highway in Baesal Quezon City which has been under rehabil tation for the two months now. No local government official is doing his or her job to ensere the smooth flow of traffic. Please help. Many thanks.

ALBERT, 34, Quirino Highway, Baesa, Quezon City

#### Motorists' plea

Caloocan is causing traffic and other assprted problems. This has been reported before by motorists, but concerned authorities don't seem to care at all

ANGEL, 46, Camarin, Caloocan City

#### Attention, Muntinlupa City government officials!

WHERE is the mayor of Muntiniupa or any of his officials? Do they ever visit the Alabang area at all? Traffic there is such a mess! Jeepney drivers block the streets. especially in front of the 7-11 convemence store and the barangay hall. These

obstructions, including the sidewalk vendors, are always the cause of traffic nightmares in the area. Please help us do something about this

NEREO, 40, GMA, Cavite

#### By DJ Yap

TWO CATHOLIC PRIESTS WHO accused a pulp and paper-milling company of polluting the air and water in Bishg City, Surigao del Sur, will be arraigned today on libel charges at a Makati court.

Pathers Florio Falcon and Erwin Rommel Torres will enter their pleas to five and two counts of libel, respectively, before Judge Alberico Umali of the Makati Regional Trial Court Branch 138.

The case stemmed from

statements the priests made against Picop Resources Inc., accusing it of committing environment violations in Bishg, which they alleged had led to health ailments among resi-

Falcon, the parish priest of St. Vincent de Paul in Mangangoy, and Torres, his assistant, also led demonstrations in an attempt to force PRI to comply with environment laws, and at one point, wrote President Macapagal-Arroyo about the

The statements published in local papers, as well as their letter to the President, served as basis for the suit, which was fi.ed on Aug. 2 after Depart ment of Justice prosecutors found probable cause that libel was committed

Warrants for the arrest of Palcon and Torres were issued by Umah on Aug 7

On Aug. 14, Falcon posted a bail bond of P50,000 for his temporary liberty. Torres forlowed suit on Sept. 10 and posted a cash bond of P20,000

## Korean man jumps from 8th floor of condo unit in Malate

#### By Allison W. Lopez

A KOREAN TOURIST DIED shortly after midnight yesterday after he fell from the eighth floor of a condominium in what time often drame alone in his in Tondo, Manila The program will the police said was a case of sui- room.

The body of Choi Sue Shin, 34, also known as Luigi Chot of Handong, South Korea, was found sprawled at 12:15 a.m. on the parking lot of the Legaspi Tower in Malate, Manula, where jumped from the building. he was staying.

Officer-on-case SPO2 Edgar do Ko of the Manda Poice Distract homicide division said that Choi suffered multiple injuries.

Initial investigation showed that Choi arrived in the country two months ago with his sister, Juliana Lee, as a tourist. He rented a unit on the eighth floor of the condominium while Lee stayed on the 15th floor with two Pilipino friends identified as Corazon Ong and Lolit Can-

Candang told the police that play in the case.

shortly before the incident, Chor called her up and asked her to buy him three bottles of beer. She added that the request was not unusual since the vic-

Candeng said that on her way back to the condominium after buying the beer at a convemence store, she heard a commotion at the front desk. She then learned that Choi had

A security guard rushed the Korean to the Ospital ng Mayni la but the victim died at 2 45 a.m. while undergoing treat-

Ko said that several weeks ago, the victim, who was drunk, had tried to jump off the penthouse but was prevented from doing so by some people.

The policeman added that despite evidence showing that the Korean had taken his life, investigators would still conduct a probe to rule out foul

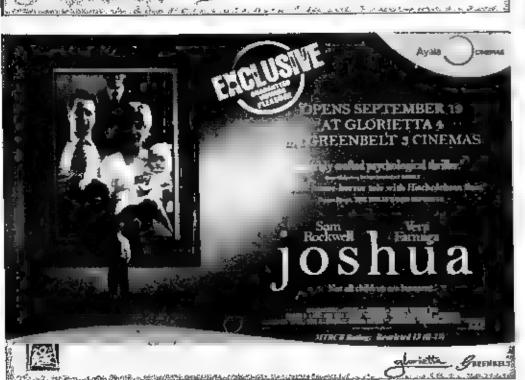
#### METROBRIEFS

#### Manila honors 'the Sword and the Pen'

MAYOR Aifredo Lim will lead the first-ever "Sword and Pen" celebration honoring two great Man eños-Gen Macarlo Sakay ("sword") and National Artist for Literature Amado V. Hemandez ("pen"). The affair will be held on Sept. 13 at 9 a.m. at the Plaza Amado √ Hernandez on Chacon Street notate a wreath laying ceremony. patriotic music by Bandaing Maynila and the distribution of pamphiets on the lives of the "Sword and Pen" heroes. Sakay was born in Tondo in 1870. He joined the Kat punan and became a general of the Revolutionary Army of the First Philippine Republic. With other Katipuneros. he established the Republika ng Katagalugan and resisted the Americans in Cavite, Batangas and Parañaque Hernandez was born on Sept. 13, 1903. He was a province poet, essayist, novelist, playwright and journalist, and the winner of numerous literary awards. His most famous work, "Isang Dipang Langit," a collection of poems, was written in prison. He was married to zarzuela queen Atang de la Rama. He died in 1970 and was posthumously proclaimed a National Artist.









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interests.

In his first video appearance in three years, the elusive al-Oaida chief mocks the United States as "weak" and vows to escalate fighting in Iraq, all the while using language similar to the kind used ahead of other past attacks.

At times, Bin Laden speaks directly to Americans, using plain language that "appears THE "NEW" Bin Laden in latest to be crafted in a way as to be understood by the average person on the street in Europe or in the US," said intelligence analyst Ben Venzke.

The latest video "contains phrases , which serve as indicators that OBI's message is part of al-Qaida's efforts to fulfill its requirements to provide warning and a chance for the enemy to change its ways before executing an attack," Venzke said.

video.

However, the message, delivered days ahead of the sixth anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks on the United States in which 3,000 people were killed, gives no clues "to indicate when an attack ... would be attempted," he said.

The language, saying peace will befall "he who follows the guidance," mirrors that used in Bin Laden's "European truce offer" of April 2004 in which he said: "Peace upon in preparation for war," he said.

The similarity in terms is important because the 2004 message appealing to Europeans to change their ways was the final

www.message aimed specifically at Europeans before the July 2005 bombings in London which killed 52 peop.e, said Venzke of the Virginia-based Intel Center

In the video, Bin Laden also discusses current events but issues no direct threats, and offers two ways of ending the Iraq war, according to a transcript released by the USbased SITE Intelligence Group which monitors Islamic militant websites

"The first is from our side, and it is to continue to escalate the killing and fighting against you," he says.

The second is to do away with the US democratic system of government, which he says merely serves the interests of major corporations.

Bin Laden appears in the video with a trimmed beard that is apparently dyed black, hiding the streaks of gray seen in previous footage, and wears a beige cloak over a white robe.

According to Azzam Tamımı, head of the London based Institute of Islamic Political Thought, the beard dye is a "sign of war" The rigorous Salafi Is.amic school to which Bin Lacen belongs "condones this dye only

## Suicide bomb kills 30 in Algeria

by its second suicide bomb attack in three days on Sannday when a blast ripped through a naval barracks, with an al-Qaida offshoot later claiming responsibility for the blast that killed at least 30 people.

The north African branch of ai-Qa.da claimed responsibility for that artack and Thursday's apparent assassination attempt on President Abdelaz.z Bouteflika in the eastern city of Batna, Al-Jazeera television reported Sunday citing a state-

DELLYS, ALGERIA-ALGERIA WAS ROCKED ment posted on the Internet from the

Most who died in Saturday's blast in the port town of Dellys, 70 km east of Algiers, were members of the coast guard, but the interior ministry said three civilians also died and many of the 47 wounded were al-

On Thursday, 22 people were killed and more than 100 wounded when a man ex ploded a device in a crowd waiting to meet Bouteflika in Batna.



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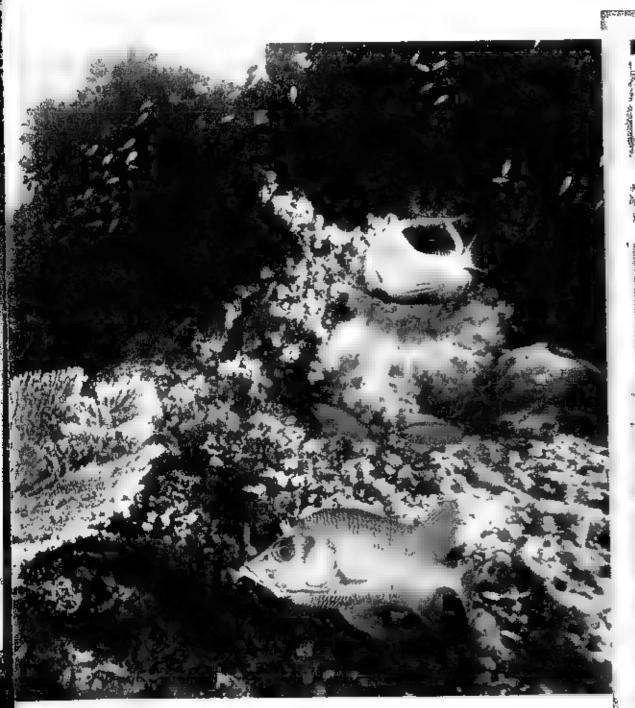
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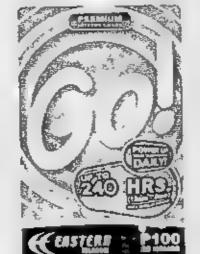
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## Pope blasts 'selfish' Europeans for not having enough children



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MARIAZELL, AUSTRIA-POPE Benedict XVI blasted Europeans for being selfish and not having enough children, in a sermon on Saturday at the 850-year-old pilgrimage site of Mariazell in

"Europe has become child-poor. We want everything for ourselves and place little trust in the future," the Pope told a crowd of faithful from his canopied area at an open-air, afternoon Mass that took place under heavy rain.

But Benedict held out hope, saving: "The earth will be deprived of a future only when the forces of the human heart and of reason illuminated by the heart are extinguished

Where God is, there is the future." The Pontiff had slammed abortion upon arriving in Austria Friday as the "very opposite\* of human rights.

"The fundamental human right, the presupposition of every other right, is the right to life itself," he told members of the government and the diplomatic corps at the Hofburg, the seat of the Austrian presidency in Vienna.

Austrian Defense Minister Norbert Darabos said in a state television interview however Saturday that the Austrian government would not call for a change in the country's law which allows abortions.



POPE Benedict XVI celebrates Mass on Sunday in Vienna. The Pope is on a three-day visit to Austria.

Meanwhile, in evening prayers at Mariazell the traditionalist Pope defended chastity for religious orders as a way for them to become "men and women of hope."

Celibacy is not "individualism or a life of isolation" for priests, nuns and other religious orders but "unreservedly" serving God and having "deep relationships which they accept as a gift."

The Austrian Church has been wracked by several sex standals involving priests and in an open letter to the Pope the liberal Austrian movement Wir sind Kirche ("We are the Church") has called for the end of celibacy. AFP

#### WORLDBRIEFS

#### Portuguese police allow Maddie's parents to return home

FARO, Portugal-The parents of missing British gurl Madeleine McCann arrived at Faro airport Sunday to fly back to Britain after being named as suspects by Portuguese police and sharply criticizing the inquiry in media interviews. It had been thought that Gerry and Kate McCann had put plans to return to Britain on hold after being named as arguidos, or formar suspects in their daughter's disappearance by police on Friday But an unnamed family source said that they had changed their minds after they were given the green light to go home by Portuguese authorities. The couple's daughter Madeleine, who would now be aged 4, disappeared from their holiday apartment in the resort on May 3 as her parents ate an evening meal with friends at a tapas bar just meters away. The McCanne, both doctors and aged 39, have based themselves in the resort ever since, aunching a high-profile. worldwide appeal for her return which attracted support from figures including Pope Benedict XVI and footballer David Beckham. In recent days, though, both faced hours of questioning by police last week and Kate McCann told Britain's Sunday Mirror newspaper that officers had tried to persuade her to confess to accidentally killing her daughter

#### Afghan suicide bombings rise, **UN report shows**

KHOST, Alghanistan-Taliban Insurgents carried out 103 suicide bombings in Afghanistan in the first eight months of 2007, a 69 percent increase over the same period last year, according to a UN report that is expected to be issued publicly on Monday (Tuesday In Manila). The record number of attacks killed more than 200 people, 80 percent of them civilians. The report also found no evidence that suicide bombing technology was migrating from Iraq to Afghanistan, a major fear of Afghan and American officials. Still the statistics showed that Afghanistan endured the world's second-highest number of sulcide attacks in 2006 and so far in 2007, according to Mohammed M. Hafsz, a visiting political science professor at the University of Missouri, Kansas City, who tracks suicide bombings. Afghanistan trails only Iraq. where 290 suicide bombings were carried out from January through late July, he said.

#### FBI data mining reached beyond target suspects

WASHINGTON-The FB, cast a much wider net in its terrorism invest gations than it has previously acknowledged by reiging on telecommunications companies to analyze phone-call and e-mail patterns of the associates of Americans who had come under suspicion, according to newly obtained bureau records. The documents indicate that the FB used secret demands for records to obtain datainot only on the person it was targeting but also details on his or her "community of interest"---the natwork of people that the target in turn was in contact with. The FBI recently stopped the practice in part because of broador questions raised about its aggressive use of the records demands, which are known as national security letters, officials said on Friday after being asked about it.



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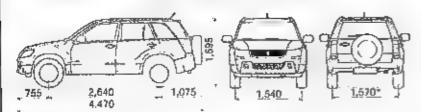
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land Southeast Asian Games in December.

guard University of Southern California

lands in Thousand Oaks, California.

Two more overseas-born players with Fil-

Fil-American Kevin Dalafu and Fil-Iranian

Armir Mazarei will try out for the team when it

resumes training at 11 a.m. today at the Rizal

Dalafu, a 6-foot-2 guard, played for the Van-

The 5-foot-11 Mazarei, who arrived Satur-

Mazarei set a single-game record of 57

points and averaged four triples a game for his

school. The 22-year-old cager also averaged

24.8 points to earn a spot in the first team of

the Southern California Inter-Collegiate Ath-

Fil-Am Gabe Norwood, a 6-foot-5 guard,

earlier expressed interest to don the national

colors again after playing for the San Miguel-

RP squad in the Fiba Asia championship in

"With the departure of most top PBL players to the pro ranks, we really need to beef up our

team," said Mikee Romero, Harbour Centre

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Valuable Player, and 6-foot-6 center Beau Bel-

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really good, then we will take them."

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## SPORTS

## Eagles nip Archers anew

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turned back the Archers with a slim 89-87 triumph to claim a share of second place in the UAAP men's basketball tournament yesterday at the jampacked Arane-

It took several minutes before the Eagles savored their elimination-round sweep of the Archers.

Rico Mmerhofer seemingly beat the buzzer with a putback off JV Casio's missed jumper to forge an extra period. But a tape review of the contentious shot showed that Maierhofer failed to release the ball as time expired.

"At least with this win, people recognize now that, no, we're not much better than them, but on these two particular nights we're much better than them," said coach Norman Black, who emotionally punched the air

for emphasis after the technicommittee officially awarded the win to Ateneo.

The rivalry between the two schools turned even more bitter this season after the Archers placed under protest their first-round loss, 80-77 in overnme, to the Eagles.

It took a week before league officials junked the Archers' complaint and ruled that the Eagles did not violate a league rule on foreign players.

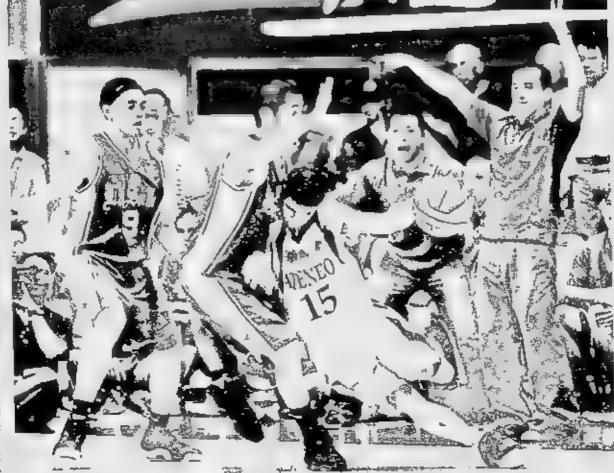
4 p.m.-La Salle vs "I thought we won the first Johy, of the East game and a lot of people questioned that because of the protest," said Black, whose Eagles tied the Archers

in second place at 9-4. This time, the Eagles played catch-up in the second

half as Tiu hit 13 of his 19 points in the closing quarters. Yuri Escueta also delivered the big shots off the bench, including back-to-back imples that sparked the Eagles' comeback from a 13-point deficit, 38-51, early

in the third period. "Hard-fought game by both teams. Coming into the game, I thought we could bear them again. A lot of people thought we might get blown out in this game. The guys showed a lot of character and they really

played hard. All the credit goes to the players." Earlier, the Santo Tomas Tigers clobbered the Adamon Falcons, 74-62, to secure at least a playoff for the Final Four with an 8-5 record.



AS La Salle coach Franz Pumaren (right) signals a defensive ploy, Ateneo's Eman Monfort tries to drive past the Archers' Bader Malabes and Pocholo Villanueva (left) in yesterday's game.

Jervy Cruz kept the defending champions in the hunt with 24 points, 18 rebounds and two blocks.

Before Thi's game-winning shot, the sweet-shooting guard had also nailed three triples—the third pushing Ateneo within 63-59 late in the third quarter.

An Eric Salamat triple and back-to-back buckets by Jobe Nkemakolam gave the Eagles their first lead, 66-65, since the opening canto.

But the Archers pulled away again with a 7-0 run for a 73-66 edge before Ford Arao and Salamat railied to imot the contest at 75

JV Casio responded for the Archers in the final two minutes, firing five straight points to give the Archers their last taste of the lead, 87-86, with 56.6 ticks left.

ie Nonoy Baclao turned the ball over in the Eagles' next

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And the Archers seemed headed for the win as rookpossession, before Tiu came to Ateneo's rescue.

ga are assured of slots in the national team mentored by Junel Baculi.

Former Purefoods point guard Boyet Bautista and Erick Rodriguez of Toyota Balintawak are also expected to join the tryouts.

Meanwhile, the PBL has set a Sept. 24 deadline for the submission of rookie draft applications. The draft is slated Sept. 28.

## Change of Fortune for 'new' Viloria

EXPECT FORMER WBC LIGHT FLYweight champ Brian Viloria to be a better fighter with former Manny Pacquiao conditioning coach Justin Fortune now handling his training at the Pound-for-Pound gym in Los Angeles.

Viloria confirmed Fortune's new role yesterday as he pursues his bid to get back to the ring this November.

walking around 125 lbs," said a source who saw Viloria at the gym Saturday

"He said he plans to campaign in ed as saying by the source the 112 lbs division, depending on who he will be fighting."

Meanwhile, Fortune said he still likes Pacquiao's chances against Marco Antonio Barrera when they meet

"Brian looked a little big, he must be again on Oct. 6 in Las Vegas, Nevada. "I know Manny pretty well, and he will go for the kill," Fortune was quot

> Fortune, however, was not impressed at all by Pacquiao's decision to train in the Philippines, saying that

"there's too much distraction there." Salven L. Lagumbay, Contributor



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## Roach, Rivera confirm Pacquiao 'hidden' weapon

LOS ANGELES-IT WOULD BE TERRIBLY unwise of Marco Antonio Barrera to kill himself preparing for a two-fisted roller coaster in his next fight

Manusy Pacquiao, a marked southpaw, may indeed throw more right hands come Saturday, Oct. 6 in Las Vegas, But if Barrera hothers to put his over-abused nose closer to the video screen, he would discover that the dreaded right hand was already there when Pacquiao ran him over in November 2003.

If in doubt, Barrera could go send one assistant to the Wild Card gym here where there's a yellowish full newspaper page pasted on the right wall, immediately after right hand nose-crusher in their first encounter in Texas.

It's, of course, unclear whether the Pacquiao right shot came in the form of a hook or a jab, but the impact of the blow pittfully distorted Barrera's handsome profile beyand recognition.

That said, we take this opportunity to inform Señor Barrera he should start preparing for a Pacquiao hidden weapon.

No, correction. This one that ultimately opened the door to Barrera's lamentable defeat four years ago is not exactly secret.

But if it should now loom like a mystery, a fleeting midnight blade landing like a lightning bolt, it's because of the dumb

fact Barrera et al had overlooked it. Instead of Pacquiao's over-hyped new shot-the right hook, which had at one time been associated with the disloyal Manila Ice-Barrera should come ready

to duck the Big Jab. Whether Barrera likes it or not, he will be standing up before a two-handed upheaval in Pacquiao.

It's, of course, hard to tell whether that storm could complete the devastation or dissipate ahead, given Pacquiao's uneven training regimen that saw him bolting perfect Wild Card to keep love fires burning at home.

Anyway credit for exposing the hidden Pacquiao weapon goes to John Chavez who, writing for Boxing News, went off the beat en track to give The Jab its rightful place in the Sweet Science

"While there's been so much emphasis on Pacquiao's power punches in recent times, it's the simplest and subtle things in his arsenal that muly make him special ... It's funny how even at the highest levels in boxing, the simplest punch is still and will always be the most important."

Touché

Now, let's call in the intratable Hermie Rivera, who bothered to lend us his observation from his love nest in San Jose, in the process confirming how trainer Freddie Roach had also given credit to Pacquiao's phantom jab:

#### BARE EYE

Recah Trinidad



"If Manny starts out with his usual dose of non-stop punching, then a shortened evening is in store for Marco who's in a grind himself sweating his butt off at a Guadalaiara gym.

"Midway into their arduous workouts, the door, detailing the gory presence of the I still can't see how Barrera can avenge his knockout by Pacquiao. Unless he has grown a third arm and a leg to boot.

"Buoyed by the expert handling of Freddie Roach and Buboy Fernandez, the southpaw terror is on track to reassert his dominance of the Mexican three-time

'At best, Barrera will find it discomfiting-at worst difficult-once Pacquiao opens up with his long list of stinging books and straights set up by his wicked

"Any fighter leading with the jab can execute the knockout drills polished in the workouts,\*" says Freddie.

"You can bet the house Marco would be looking for ways to surprise Manny in their re-acquaintance shindig. "Manny's powerful strikes hurt Marco

in their first encounter, forcing his handlers to stop it in the 11th round.

"He was staggered repeatedly by solid shots unleashed without let-up by the Filipino crackerjack.

"This time, expect Marco to seek desperate means to eke out an upset over his hard-hitting rival.

To execute such plan, Barrera must engage Pacquiso early and whack away at every turn to exact maximum damage-else he'll be in pasture posthaste.

Tronically, a defeat could revive Marco's stalled drive to earn a law degree, an avid wish sidetracked by his 11th round collapse at San Antonio's Alamodome.

"If Barrera gets blown out again, maybe he can seek solace in the successional defense of his future clients. Against Manny-he's defenseless.

"While Barrera was consistent in winning most of his fights, there's something vital that he must do but didn't in their

"He must avoid standing in front of Manny and getting an abundance of heavy joits sans the obligatory counterpoise. I'm sure Barrera's bandlers know about this fistic gaffe by now.

"Now we are looking at a healthy Pacquiao and this means the Pinoy mangler is all set to repeat his enthralling stoppage of the vengeance-seeking Barrera."

## Parker tows France past Germany MADR D, SPAIN—LITHUANIA AND SLOVENIA reached the European championship quarterfinals after winning second-stage group games Saturday. This associates the invalue forward a barrief or white 79-74 He man bags US Open title

Unbeaten Lithuania forged a hard-fought 79-74

win over Otympic runner-up Italy while Slovenia kept a perfect record with a 66-51 victory over Turkey

Also, Tony Parker scored 23 points and France defeated Germany, 78-68, moving closer to a place in the



Florent Pietrus and Tarto Kirksay both added 12 points for France, while Dirk Nowitzki ied Germany with 28 points. AP

#### A-Rod scores milestone

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI-ALEX RODRIGUEZ hit his 50th and 51st home runs of the season. here Saturday as the New York Yankees demol-Ished the Kansas City Royals, 11-5.

Rodriguez, an 11-time All-Star, posted his eighth multi-homer game of the season and has now homered in four straight games. He becomes the first Yankees player to eclipse the halfcentury mark since Roger Maris and Mickey Mantie both accomplished the feat in 1961.

He has 49 home runs as the third baseman, which breaks the major league record. Mike Schmidt hit 48 for the Philadelphia Phillies in 1980 and Adrian Bettre matched it in 2004 with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

#### Alonzo takes Monza pole

MONZA, ITALY—FERNANDO ALONSO STAYED focused on his task Saturday, clinching pole position in qualify-

ing for this weekend's Italian Grand Prix Alonso's teammate Lewis Hamilton was

second, giving McLaren the top two starting spots for the fifth time



NEW YORK—TOP-SEEDed Justine Henin capped a dominant run and over- better game in the final whelmed No. 4 Svetlana Kuznetsova, 6-1, 6-3, Saturday night to win her second US Open title and seventh major championship overall.

Henin, who also won the 2003 Open, did not drop a set all tournament and became the first woman to win a Grand Slam after beating both Williams sisters along the way.

"I had two amazing weeks," Henin

said, "and played my best tennis." The only help Henin needed was when she got a boost from a couple of fans while she climbed into the stands to greet her coach after the match ended.

Kuznetsova matched the fewest number of games for a US Open women's runner-up in the past 31 years, tour-leading seven titles

making Henin work for less than 1 /2 hours.

Thope to be back with a next time," the Russian said, praising her opponent for "an unbelievable tourna-It was reminiscent of

some of Henin's past routs in major finals, including dropping three games to Ivanovic while winning a third consecutive French Open title in and June, ceding DWO games to Mary Pierce at Roland Garros in 2005.

The victory gave Henin her second major ntle of the year and a

while going 50-4 at 11 tournaments. Against Kuznetsova, Henin finished with a 25-11 edge in winners and saved all six break points she faced, including three in the final game. She showed off all as-

pects of her versatile game, from volleys-winning the point on 13 of 16 trips to shots on the run to returns of serve, punctuating shouts

> trademark backhand on the first two points, then went to work, taking nine of the next 10 points while going

"Allez!"

Henin

missed her

up 4-0. Even when she faltered, double-faulting twice in a row at 3-0, she recovered to hold, throwing herself into a 177 kph (110 mph) service winner and a 158 kph (98 mph) sec-

Henin ended any debate over who would be the player of the year by adding a second US Open title to the fourth French Open championship she snared in June, crowning a year that began with both a divorce and a reconciliation with her family.

"I'm just feeling happy. And the fact that I have my family back in my life helps a lot," the world number one added. "They give me a lot of support I'm feeling in peace with myself and that's a very important feeling for

"Not a lot of people thought I could win this Open with the draw I had and I did, it's amazing for me," Henin said. "I hope I can keep a lot of confidence from this tournament. Beating Venus and Serena and winning today this way, this gives me a lot of confi-AP, AFP

## Men's final: Federer vs Djokovic

moved within one victory of his fourth straight US Open title, beating No. 4 Nikolay Davydenko, 7-5, 6-1, 7-5, Saturday to stretch his winning streak at Flushing Meadows to 26 matches.

Federer, who will be seeking to become the first man to win four consecutive US championships since Bill Tilden in 1925, will face No. 3 Novak

NEW YORK-ROGER FEDERER Djokovic, who earlier Saturday overcame the late summer heat and humidity of New York City to beat 15thseeded David Ferrer, 6-4, 6-4, 6-3.

Tm always very well-prepared for the majors. I know what it takes," Federer said. "When the second week comes around, I play my best."

In Sunday's championship match, Federer will face the only man to beat him over the past three months.

"I guess the best players of the summer are in the final," said Federer, all too aware that he lost to Djokovic at a hard-court event in Montreal in early

That was Djokovic's big break through. He also beat Rafael Nadai and Andy Roddick there, becoming the first man in 13 years to beat Nos. 1-3 in the rankings at a single tourna-





DIOKOVIC

## Stricker, Baddeley share lead; Tiger still 1 down

LEMONT, ILLINOIS-STEVE STRICKER EAgled the eighth hole to keep pace with Tiger Woods, then surged shead with birdie chances on every hole in a round of 7-under 64 Saturday that left him tied with Aaron Baddeley in the BMW Championship.

Baddeley birdied his final two holes for a 65 that allowed him to join Stricker at 15under 198 and play in the final group.

BAMES WEDRESDAY (Hirroy Aquino Stadium)

2 p.m.—UM vs STI (Game 2)

STI PASHIONED OUT AN 86-72 DEMOLI-

tion of University of Manila Saturday

night to move to within a victory of clinch-

ing the National Athletics Association of

Schools, Colleges and Universities (Naas-

cu) men's basketball championship at the

son whose playing time dwindled with

the arrival of new recruits, picked a fit-

ting moment to shine when he unloaded

21 points to key the Scorpions' victory at

first ever title after finishing second to

fallen defending champion AMA last

"We are closer to the goal but we can't

just count UM out," said STI coach Vic

Yeasiano. "We need to remain focused all

the start of the best-of-three title series The win put STI on the threshold of its

Haddi Porto, a starting guard last sea-

By Marc Anthony Reyes

Ninoy Aquino Stadium.

Stricker, who won the first of the US PGA Tour's "playoffs" at The Barclays for his first victory in 6 1/2 years, is in position to take a commanding lead in the chase for the FedEx Cup, with Woods or the absent Phil Mickelson having to win the Tour Championship to earch him.

Baddeley, who won in Phoenix earlier this year, was a forgotten figure on the back

lead at the end of the first period.

While UM concentrated on gunners

Dexter Micutuan, Raymond Tiongco,

Mark Baineg and Howard Flor, Porto

caught fire with his jumpers and fast-

Tiongco, one of the three big acquisi-

tions from other leagues, still managed

to score 16 points, while Micutuan fin-

ished with nine markers. Balneg and Flor

played decay most of the time and ended up scoring seven and six points, respec-

The Hawks, back in the finals after a

year's absence, tried to fight back

through Frank Bonus, Onofre Napiza and

Russen Assuncion but there was no stop-

ping the Scorpions, who sealed the win

with a 24-point scoring rampage in the

Joy Tolentino poured in 26 points on top of 16 rebounds as Centro Escolar out-

classed AMA, 76-62, to clinch the wom-

en's title in the second game. Tolentino

Porto stars as STI crushes

UM, nears Naascu crown

break plays.

fourth quarter.

nine even though he was always in range. Then came a 30-foot birdie putt on the 17th hole, followed by an approach into 5 feet at the last to get into the final group

Woods never looked more subdued after a 65 that kept him one stroke off the lead, but he missed only one fairway and two greens, and figured his putter kept him from one of his best scores of the year. AP

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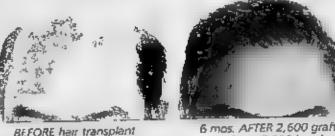
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bagged the MVP award St. Clare banked on Roy Urbano, Aries the more." Porto scored most of his points in the Parinas and Nico Rallos to turn back fivetime defending champion University of second quarter where the Scorpions buckled down to work after the Hawks Manula, 88-76, and capture the junior had dictated the pace to take a 20-15 championship.

#### SPORTSWATCH

#### Davis Cup team at PSA Forum

MEMBERS AND OFFIC ALS OF THE RP DAVIS Cup team, the coming fourth leg of the Hitachi National Criterium Grand Prix and Games and Amusements Board (GAB) chair Eric Buham are all gracing this week's session of the PSA Forum Tuesday at the Shakey's UN Avenue branch. The Davis Cup team will discuss its chances against Kuwait in their coming Davis Cup tie on Sept. 21-23 in Kuwait. Aired live overdzSR Sports Radio 918 and sponsored by Shakey's and Pagcor, the weekly forum starts at 10:30 a.m.

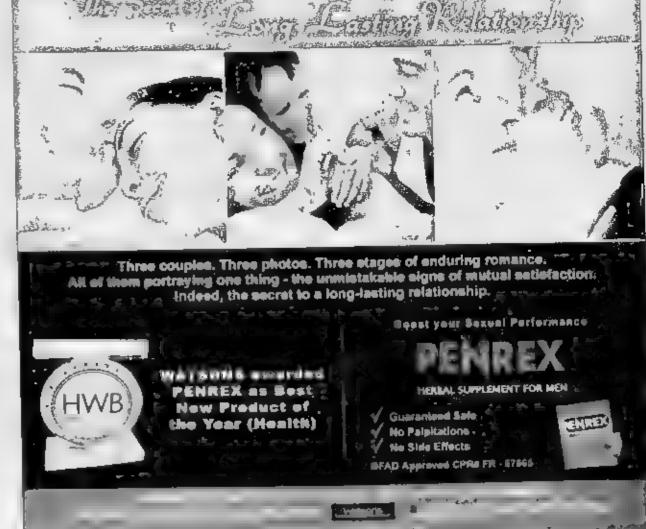
#### SIC stakes P2-M prize

NO LESS THAN P2 MILLION IN GUARANTEED prize awaits the winners of the SJC 2nd Anniversary 6-stag derby today at San Juan Coliseum. The three-day stagfest will be hosted by SJC owner Rodorfo Pineda and backed up by Sagupaan Complexor 3000. Entry fee is P15,000. An

impressive list of sabong champions will see action today, among them Gerry Ramos, Sam Mendoza, William Go, Allan Siaco, Rep. Gerry "Boy" Espina, Boy Marzo, Kabu Tanigochi, Osang dela Cruz, Boy de Roca, sabong idol Patrick Antonio, Pol Estrellado, Benjle Lim, Danny Ty, Luding Candelaria, Sonrry Lagon, Mayor Buddy Dunca and Rio Salceda, among others. For more inquiries, please call 725-5369 and 725-6563.

#### Stagfest championship round on

A MAD SCRAMBLE FOR THE TITLE LOOMS today when the championship round of Stag Festival 5-stag derby gets under way at Roligon Mega Cockpit. Twenty-two participants with two wisseach so far lead the qualifiers, among them Terry Santos, Pol Derpo, Dong Lacson, Art de Castro, Daniel Jimenez, Glen Tan, Jo Bautista, Cesar Pedrata, Reban Rabutin, Moling Dorado, Noli Bautista, Bebot Reyesand Ricky Peleya. Total guaranteed prize is P1.5 million. Meanwhile, Roagon's No Entry Fee Fastest Win One-Cock "Ulutan" returns on Sept. 18 with P100,000 at stake. A total of 165 entries were registered last Aug. 28. For inquiries, call 8512275 and 8529812.





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### NAGA MILO MARATHON

Petron Treats Boys' Volleyball League at the Colegio de San Lorenzo

Complex in Quezon City. Other results: Canossa Academy d. Ateneo. 25-15, 25-16, UF d. Lourdes School-Manda, 25-13, 15-14, St. Mary's

QC d. St. Joseph, 25-21 17-25, 25-21. Marion Bernardina, Contributor

Angeles U tossers whip Cavite SL foes ANGÈLES UNIVERSITY FINISHED OFF CAVITE SCHOOL OF LIFE N straight sets, 25-8, 25-22, yesterday to stay unbeaten in Group C of the

## Peñalosa, Morillo show 'em

NAGA CITY, CAMARINES SUR-A FARMer's son and an aspiring teacher ruled the Naga qualifier of the 31st National Milo Marathon yesterday.

Franklin Peñalosa and Adamson University education graduate Ailyn Morillo won P10,000 each and advanced to the 42K grand finals set Nov. 18 in Manila.

The 30-year-old Pefialosa encountered little opposition to finish the 21 kilometer race in 1 hour, 15 minutes and 44 seconds.

Morillo beat 18-year-old Mary Grace Caritas of Daet, Camarines Norte, who clocked



Sur, was third in 2:26.32.

Pinaghandaan ko talaga ito (I prepared hard for this)," said Peñalosa, who hails from

this city where his father tends a farm. Peñalosa placed fourth in last year's race won by Antorno Nulial, 23, of Oas, Albay.

Nulsal checked in second this time in 1:17.53, followed by Juny Rex Carreon in 1:18.18. They won P7,000 and P5,000, re-

rum after him but he was fast)," said Nulial, a San Pablo City on Sept. 23.

2:05.57. Lourdes Anchuvas of Pili, Camarines senior criminology student at the University of Northeastern Philippines in Iriga City.

The second and third placers likewise made

it to the grand finals.

A total of 4,500 runners from six provinces in the Bicol region answered the 6 a.m. starting gun fired by Naga City Sports Council president Pedro Lee and assisted by Pat Goc Ong. Milo everus executive director, and regional sales manager Arlyn de Jesus.

Hostilities shaft to Albay province for the "Pinilit long habulin pero mabilis (I tried to Legazpı leg on Sunday before the series goes to

### Girlstown tops **Little Olympics**

SISTERS OF MARY-GIRLSTOWN, BOOSTed by victories in football and sepak takraw, reclaimed the high school overall championship at the close of the 2007 Milo Little Olympics yesterday at the Marikina Sports Park.

The Cavite-based Girlstown won the title with 15 gold, 6 silver and 6 bronze medals for their 19th title in 20 years.

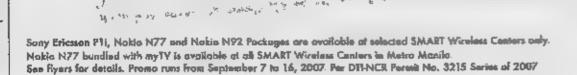
Deposed champion SOM-Boystown could only muster bronze medals in football and sepak takraw and placed second to its sister school with a 13-9-3 output.

Sports equipment worth P40,000 and a trophy await the champions during the formal awarding ceremonies on Sept. 13 at the Manila Pavilion Hotel.

Boystown will receive P20,000 worth of sports gear and a trophy.

in the elementary level, AC Herrera ES (9-5-7) overtook St. Paul-Pasig (8-7-5) and first-weekend leader Valenzuela Central (6-0-2). Pending the final results in badminton and lawn tennis, however, no winner could be declared yet.





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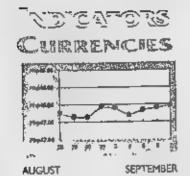
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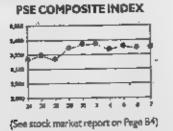


## Gov't defers sale of SMC, Meralco stakes



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STOCK MARKET



#### Cautious trading seen

TRADING IS LIKELY TO HIT A CAUTIOUS note this weak as investors await the verdict on former President Joseph Estrada's plunder case and developments in global financial markets and yets said

AB Capital Securities wrote in a weekly report to clients that market players were also waiting for the Sept. 18 meeting of the US Federal Open Market Committee on whether or not to cut its federal funds rate.

Late last week, US Fed Chair Ben Bernanke reassured the markets that he was aware of the current credit turmoli. market volatility, and its potentia, to undermine the broad economy. This was interpreted by most as a hint that the Fed will be making a rate out

"More data will be needed and a key data will be the US jobs data. If they will announce a low number and a rise in the unemployment rate, then this will add more pressure on the Fed to cut (interest rate), AB Capital Securities wrote

Overnight Friday, however, Wali Street shares fell as data showed a surprise deorne in US payrolls, the first in four years, fanning fears that the world's biggest economy was slowing

The Dow Jones Industrial Average turnbled 214.28 points (1 6 percent) to 13,149.07 and the Nasdaq slid 54.25 points (2.08 percent) to 2,560.07 Elizabeth Sanchez-Lacson

## Move due to unfavorable market conditions

#### By Michelle V. Remo

AS CONCERNS OVER THE US SUBPRIME MARKET crisis spilled over to the local equities market, the national government has moved the sale of its stakes in Manila Electric Co. and San Miguel Corp. to 2008.

Despite the delay, the Department was still poised to exceed its privatization revenue target for this year by more than P50 billion, say-

Global equities markets suffered heavy selling in the wake of the credit crunch caused by the worsening US subprime crisis.

Since the subprime woes were ment of Finance said the govern- magnified in July, Philippine stock prices wiped out the record gains registered in the first haif of 2007

Aside from the unfavorable maring there were still high-value as- ket condition, unfinished discussets in the pipeline for the remain- sions between the government and various farmers' groups on the use of the proceeds from the sale of the San Miguel stake were delaying its privatization.

Even excluding its 24-percent

stake in San Miguel and 12-percent interest in Meralco from this year's privatization program, the DOF said the government was still likely to raise P86.1 billion before the year ends. This would be much higher than the official revenue target of raising P25.6 billion from privarization this year.

From January to July, the government raised P42.9 billion from the sale of its entire 46-percent stake in Philippine Telecommunications Investment Corp. (PTIC), a 20-percent interest in Philippine National Oil Co.-Energy Development Corp. (PNOC-EDC), and 4.6-percent hold ings in Philippine National Bank, and the old Iloilo airport property.

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## Bad loan ratio hits post-Asian crisis low of 5.21%

#### By Doris C. Dumlao

COMMERCIAL BANKS' BAD LOANS FEEL TO A new post-Asian crisis low of 5.21 percent of total loans in June as banks intensified efforts to get rid of soured assets, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas reported

The decline in the nonperforming loan ratio from the previous month's 5.33 percent occurred as the decline in soured loans outpaced the slowdown in total loan portfolio, based on the BSP report released Friday.

The latest NPL ratio is now even closer to the average 3-4 percent seen before the Asian cur-

rency crisis of 1997. The banking system's NPL centavos in loss provisions. ratio peaked at 18 81 percent in October 2001 as many corporate borrowers defaulted on their debts while banks turned cautious in providing new loans after the Asian turmoil resulted in sharp currency devaluation and interest rate in-

The latest BSP report showed that NPLs declined by 2.45 percent to P104.37 billion from the end-

May level of P106 99 billion. The coverage ratto for these NPLs was 83.91 percent, which means that for every P1 of these bad loans, banks have set aside an average 84

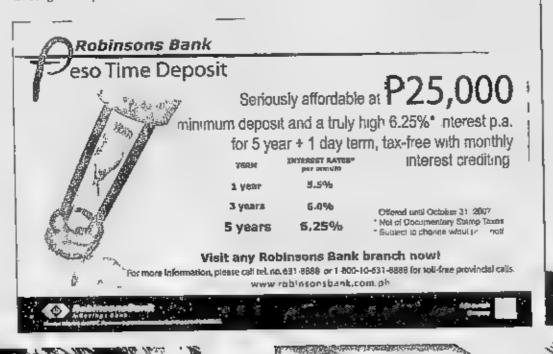
The month-on-month decline in the bad loan stock edged out the 0.19-percent decline in total loan portfolio to P2 trillion from P2.01 trillion.

But while banks have reduced their NPL burden, their stock of idle real and property assets arising from foreclosures on delinquent mortgages was higher at P162.11 billion. Compared to a month ago, the level fell from P163.11 billion.



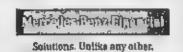
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HOPING TO PUT MORE TEETH INTO ITS antitax evasion drive, the Bureau of Internal Revenue said it would conduct a tax audit on the country's conglomerates.

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ates the top priority m its tax audit in the remaining months of the year.

"A focus on the audit of conglomerates will achieve a more comprehensive audit on interrelated transactions and possible tax avoidance/evasion schemes being employed intentionally or unintentionally by these parties," the BIR said.

The BIR said revenue authorities, headed by LTS officials Cesar Charlie Lim and Rey Asterio Tambis, began meeting with officials of conglomerates to inform them of the upcoming tax audit

Last Friday, the BIR representatives met with the comptrollers and finance officers of the Lopez group of companies at the ABS CBN building in Quezon City. The meeting highlighted the programs of the LTS for the remainder of the year LTS accounts for about 60 percent of the BIR's total revenue collection.

The BIR said it was set to issue letters of authority (LAs) to revenue officers who will be tasked to conduct tax audits.

The tax-collecting agency said that following the tax audit of conglomerates, the BIR's LTS would focus its audit on a per-industry basis. The following industries to be prioritized in the audit are: Hospitality, transportation and other related industries; construction, steel industry and real estate development; food and beverage, banking and financial activities; insurance; wholesale and retail, telecommunications, broad- their jurisdiction.

In a statement, the BIR said its Large Tax- cast media and related services; pharmapayers Service would consider conglomer- ceuticals, chemicals and related industries; and other miscellaneous services.

To aid in the conduct of its tax audits, the BIR has tasked companies covered by the LTS to comply with the requirement of submitting their financial statements and tax returns electronically.

"We are appealing to you to help us more by increasing your tax compitance. Our collection efforts will be a step in the formation of a better environment for business growth and opportunities wherein you, our valued taxpayers, will also be the long term beneficiaries," Lim and Tambis said.

The BIR, the biggest revenue earner among government agencies, is tasked to collect P765 billion this year. The goal is consistent with the government's target of reducing its budget deficit to only P63 billion this year from last year's P64.8 billion

In the first half, the BIR recorded a P38.6billion shortfall in tax collection.

Revenue officials said the BIR met its collection target for July and was likely to have also achieved its goal for August. The agency, however, has to exceed its goals in the remaining months of the year by P38.6 billion to ensure it meets its target for

Besides requiring the LTS to audit conglomerates and large companies, the BIR also earlier directed revenue district offices nationwide to conduct a massive tax audit on at least 30 percent of taxpayers under



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## Gov't defers sale of SMC ...

In the remaining months of this year, state assets still up for sale are the government's remaining 40-percent stake in PNOC-EDC and the government's property

in Fujami, Japan.

The government expects to raise P39 biltion from the sale of its remaining shares in PNOC-EDC, possibly through the stock

Another P3 billion is expected to be raised from the sale of Fujimi prop-

**Finance Secretary** Margarito Teves said the government had to surpass the privatization revenue target for this year to make up for the shortfall in tax collection.

The Bureau of Internal Revenue and the Bureau of Customs, the tworevenue biggest earners for the government, both fell short of their targets in the first half. Their comshortfall bined stood at about P52 billion







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## UBS bullish on RP banks, sees more mergers

#### By Doris C. Dumiao

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banking giant UBS is upbeat on Philippine banks due to reforms seen leading to better asset quality, loan growth and operating efficiency.

In a briefing last Friday, UBS Securities Philippines Inc. research director Minda Olonan projected that bank lending in the Philippines would grow by 8-10 percent this year, net of interbank accounts.

"Banks right now, being very liquid, are well positioned to meet the credit upswing," she said.

On the macroeconomic front, she said interest rates would remain low.

interest "While rates might have bottomed, it's still supportive of potential growth in credit demand," she said, "If you look at the second quarter GDP (gross domestic product) result, it seems that the macroeconomy is growing much faster than expected, which is also supportive of the banking sector in general."

She added that banks' stock of bad

loans had gone down to manageable levels and were close to pre-Asian crisis levels.

"And as improved property prices are helping banks get rid of their foreclosed assets, the trend really is on cleaning up their asset portfoho," she said.

The analyst also cited evidence of recovery in loan demand, initially fueled by consumer credit or loans granted to households to purchase a house or a car.

She said an annual consumer credit growth of 20 percent appeared sustainable

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the Asian crisis of 1997.

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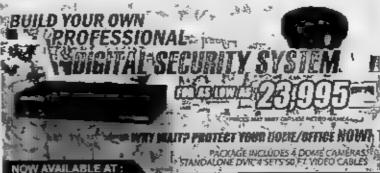
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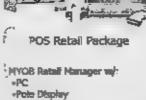
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Singapore	Dollar	0.479903	0.656987	30 6721
Australia	Dollar	0.604586	0.827678	38.6410_
Bahrain	Dinar	1.938589	2.653928	123,9013
Saudi Arabia	Rial	0.194753	0,268617	12,4473
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Denmark	Kroner	0.134300_	0.183857	8,5835_
India	Rupea	0.017982	0.024618	1 1493
Malaysia	Ringgit	0.2086t4	0.285592	13.3331
New Zealand	Oollar	0.505543	0.692089	32,3109
Sweden	Kroner	0.107089	0.146578	6.8431
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### Those ubiquitous Chinese loans

WITH A ZOOMING economy and about a trillion dollars in foreign reserves accumulated years of trade surpluses, China seems to be lending money and right, whether in Asia. or Latin Africa. America. And depending on who is talking, these loans



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are being met with mixed feelings of suspicion, concern, appreciation and gratifude.

African onslaught

in Africa, there is concern over how African countries are accumulating new debt--being led into a new debt trap, as voiced out by some critics-just as it is emerging from decades of heavy indebtedness via generous debt relief packages from traditional creditor countries in the West.

Late last year, Beijing hosted the largest gathering of foreign leaders seen by that city, when the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC), which took place Nov. 4-5, 2006, attracted 48 African delegations, most of them led by heads of state. The Chinese government used the occasion to unveil a huge \$5-billion trade and aid loan package aimed at cementing a "strategic partnership" with Africa. The package committed China to double its 2006 assistance to the continent within three years. The two sides also agreed to more than double their trade from \$40 billion in 2005 to \$100 billion by 2010. A \$5-billion China-Africa Development Fund was also set up to support Chinese companies investing in Africa.

### Lat-Am outreach

Halfway around the globe in Latin America, China's rapidly growing presence is being eyed with great concern by the US government, which sees the former's politicoeconomic agenda in their vicinity as some kind of a threat to the "hard-won progress toward representative democracy" of their nearby neighbors.

The US State Department has also questioned whether Chinese investments truly benefit the region. They point out that substantial investments in the region are typicalby accompanied and facilitated by cheap government-to-government loans that require work to be done by Chinese companies. Furthermore, they observe that investments focus heavily on extracting raw materials rather than providing jobs and opportunities for workers to build skills. The Americans also see the Taiwan factor in the Chinese initiatives in their neighborhood, noting how Dominica and Grenada broke ties with raiwan in favor of China, while Jamaica opened an embassy in Beijing, soon after China pledged assistance to these countries.

### Funding favorite

Closer to home, China has been quite forthcoming in granting soft loans to its Asian neighbors, including the poorer Asean member-countries with which it shares common borders. In most cases, the projects funded by those loans will dearly benefit both donor and donee. In the case of China, its projects in its immediate neighbors are seen to facilitate the movement of natural resources from its periphery to its heartland, vital to sustain its double-digit economic growth.

The current talk of the town in the Philippines are projects funded or to be funded by such soft loans from China, including the infamous ZTE Nanonal Broadband Network project, the Cyber Education Project, the Manula North Railway Project, the hybrid rice seeds program, and a host of others. Suddenly, Chinese loans have become a favonte financing source for all sorts of government projects. Why such a fuss over Chinese loans?

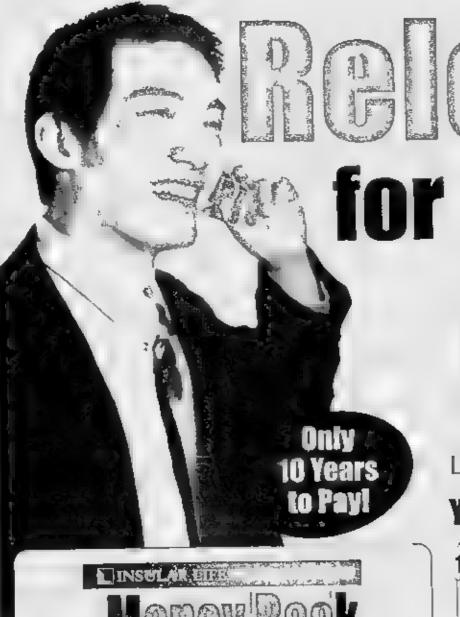
### No conditionalities

For the government recipients, the loans from China are a welcome alternative to more expensive loans from the multilateral lending agencies such as the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank, which charge around 7-percent annual interest on their loans, against China's 3 percent. But the other feature of the Chinese loans that government borrowers like, whether in the Philippines or in the other countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America, is the absence of various conditionalines normally imposed by the traditional lenders. Chinese money is usually not linked to conditions for environmental standards or community resettlement, or subject to smct criteria on corruption, that have become regular features of WB and ADB loans. It is not clear, though, whether absence of such conditionalities leads to superior project outcomes.

### Tied loans

While there may be no difficult conditionalities tied to the Chinese loans, the loans are tied in another crucial way. The loans require the use of Chinese suppliers and contractors. This practice of tying loans to donor country suppliers has long been abandoned by traditional donors, who now provide for international competitive bidding of loan-funded projects to ensure that the borrower can obtain the best value for money.

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SAM CATTAT PEDE LOTS Marua Southwoods Narror Car pager Sa Elu-God & Resort villa Let Area Mara, Brid Price: 406 sqm. P 1,456,000 520 spm. P 1,734,000 578 sqm. P 1,734,000 582 spm. P 1,736,000 485 sqm. 520 sqm. 576 sqm. 576 sqm. 582 sqm. 740 sqm. 940 eqm. 1,896,000 2,220,000

BAM CYTASS VACANIT LOT LA 263,062 som Gov. Ores 6xt. Bugs. Tensenn, Ten Specie 672A & Gen. Trum Min. Bid Proce: P125,230,618

SAM\_CATASA RISOL LOT od Hille Radi. Estate & Golf Country Club, Trace Marketz. Inger SM & Robinson Mer. Bud Price 282,526 275,448 289.603 352.909 367,862 363,115 469.248 809,623 383 sqm. 410 sqm. 427 sqm. 523 sqrit. 876 squit.

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SAM LENYSE COMMEL LOT LA 284 agm. FA 60 42 sqm. éscrots Cabuyau léed. A Nett High Sebb Linneaucro Subtl. Bry NJ. Cabuyaub Mèr. Bid Prince P 1,858,180

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SAM LABOUT RESOUR LIST LA 1233 som. Dejumpnes, Goute, San Ferendo City Man. Bid Price: P \$15,500

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BAM\_CP148 PSDL LOT LA 13, 036 sqm. (near DFA qtBcs\_Lucane Proper) Puenta die Mar PAMPANGA

SAM, PAMASS HOUSE & LOT LA 10,719 part. FA 54 sam. Begs Tensussam. Sen Formerel Mes, Biel Pweet, FA,822,300

PANGASINAN Text 09154348252 BA\_PENTIS RSDL LOTS W 2-5TPM RSDL BLDG LA 1,530 som FA.395 som. Inner Son Vicania Elem Sch Boy Sen Vicente San Jacinto Mr. Bid Price P 1 530,000

QUIRINO Text 09195829175 SAM OUT 19 RICE LAND LA 5000 eqm. Inger Gametre, Plantstock Broy Lustuald, CSSun Min. Bild Poper P (25,600

9AM\_CD0217 RSOL LOT Mean Cay Engineering Official Man. Bid Price. P645,000

SAM TARISE AGRILOT WE HILL LA 49 7 3 som FA 191 rom. Bo Calulum Concepción Min. Bid Prior P 18,529,579 SAM CERCEZIO REGIL LOT Segy Cormen trear Camp Exempelate Lot Area Min Bid Price 800 som. P 282 925 1,409 10 som. P 849,212 ZAMBALES SAM, 28946" AGPI LOT LA 3" 4 B som. feeconal Highway Ro. Autres Property Sub-c Min. Bid Prick P 14,467.598

SAM\_CDC221 ABRI LDT LA 28.967 spri frea: Women's Den't Center) Brgy Canif an Akr. Big Priot/P3,865.843 SAM COCCER PERIX LOT LA 30 som mare Puretod bridget Julio Percane SL, Puretod Min. Bid Price. P114, 188

SAM, COOR25 RSDL LOT A 500 kg/m. Ruck most parties of Agato drive! Troopie: Macasardig Mrs. Bid Prior P025,000

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SAM CMP244 RSOL LOT LA 7 72 part Persands on: Gen. Stude Sin. Potación Monyalo Mr. Bid Pace P1E #19.875 DAVAO

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SAM DAIGST WARDLIS COMME BLOC LA, 6,750 som FA, 3,944 sqm. Inear Ecolomi subst.) Ourmpo Boulevers, Morine Inth. But Passe P60,000,080

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SAM OA/274 HOUSE & LEY LA 6,453 now. FA, 3,484 (boarde Greenhaghts Sabul) Zuglig Phyrma Bidg Drversion Mm, Gut Pross:P86,298,803 EAN, Oxfr286 ACPS LOT LA. 16,417 som prear Brystiall Upper Placked, Text Det. Mm. Out ProtecP14,081,280

SAM DAR(280 REDL LOT LA 1,000 som Bo Pampangs Min. Std Police: P2,575,000

SAM DAVZES 2-STRY HEE & LOT LA 554 sgm. FA 90 sgm. Ingin behed "system Sa. Ara, Multing Sta. Nino Community olds, Sad Price: P2.207,000 SAM CHOY200 PERDE LICIT (A. 2,562 sqn jear Pôpinsess Selol.) San Vicante, Penebo Mis. Bid Pripe PS40,000

SAM, DAVISH HOUSE & LOT

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SAM\_DA6294 AGRI LOT LA, 15,044 som beer MA Rig Bugy Dol Plac, New Corolla Mar, Bid Price:P2,045,619

SAM DW/206 2-STRY HEE & LEFT LA 600 spre FA B1ager. (near Altance Learning Cucked Singy Flood, Poblacton, New Col Min. Bid Price: P450,000

SAM, DAY298 HOUSE & LOT LA 14214 sign. FA 360 sign. (stong SART Nat T Highway) Brgy Begunstanyan Lupon Mgc Bid PricarP1,014,580

SAM\_OAV289 INDS'L LOT LA 94.587 mpt Brgs Mahaying, Burniver District Julin, Bid Prop. 17224, 881,825

SAM DAVIDT ADRILLOT LA 74 631, som Brgy Poolocion Mrs. Sad ProceP\$1.718,800

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SAM\_DAVISOT AGRELICE LA, 477,481sqm. Bo Mailcu Pargl Me, Bid Prior P 179,056,376 SAM DIGHES RISDL TOWNHOUSE

**GENERAL SANTOS** Text 09267666746 SAM GSC311 RSDL BLDG.

LA 500 sept. FA IEI sept. (near Secsargen Country Hospital) Hictory Rd. Hictory Subd. Lagao Mar. Bid Press, P850,000

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SAM GSC316 AGRI LOT JA 18 369 sgm Pieu Tripgscan Proposed Merket Sée Berno Trisgscan Mer. Bd Price P2.474,763

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SAMI GSC320 REEX, LOT Barrig Tamblet Min. Bid Price. P10,440,256

SAM GSCS21 RSDL BLDG. UA 034 som FA 246 som. Near Cumbridge Holer and Reptaware Manarquia Subdi, Brgy San Islam Nan. Bid Pros.P3,412,460

SAM\_GSC324 COMMIL BLDG. LA 800 squ. FA 18 squi (front of Photo Grande Cone National Highway Mrs. Bid Price/P2,550,000

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SUM GSC327 REID'S LIDT

SAM\_G8C330 RBDL LOT A 457 sqm near Gen. San City Terminal

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LA 603 sqm FA 78 sqm Ph Comer .. P Lauris Street Mars. Bed Propu.P1,537,650 SAM GSC339 RSD'L LOT

SAM GSC306 PSDL JOT W/ SAPVT

SAM GSC341 COMMS, LOT LA 106 sqm Casumpang Avenue, Celumpang Mgs Bist PricesP1,092,656

BAM GSCS43 AGRILLOT

LA 20 293 som Packing One Staughter Man Road, Man, Etid Price:91,724,805 MAN GSC344 RSDL LOT

LA 389 som FA 161 som frear Notes Damie Colleget Bessgess Street B5 Dacks Min. Bid Price.P1 155,967 SAM GSC346 HOUSE & LOT LAL 425 spm. Detector St. win Destanger Heighte Mm. Bid Price: P745,036

JA 451 sqm FA 246 sqm Rouge St (near SSS) Man But Price P7.291,378

SAM (050352 HOUSE & LOT LA 476 som FA 122 som Inear Alphine Bubbi , Avile Subd Brgy, Spr. Iniciro, Lagaco Mr. Bid Proce P 841, 280

SAME (ISCUES PEOL LOT LA 78,229 som Otes: St. Peter Chapel) Lanton, Bo. Of Sinewal Min. Bid Peter: P10,270,031

SAM\_GRICOSS HOUSE & LOT LA.598 som FA 220 som. (near Eduard Cocclumbid) INFERRIGIT (INCREST Escara.

SAM OSC358 RSDL LDT LA 20,000 sqrs. Bo of Tambror Min. Bid PriocP4,250,000

SAM GROSSE RECT. LUT

SAM\_GSC361 HOUSE & LOT LA 302 som FA 70 som. Margustan St. Bigs. Codarque Hortis Mile. Bild Priot: P1,220,516

SAM GSC365 RSDI, 1,075 Name GBC Berry FA 1,700 sqrt Phor Iglania NI Cristol Calcary Subd Brgy Bull Jun. Bid ProceP12,078,190

SAM GSC386 RSDL ARAPTMENT LA 199 som FA 123 som Purok Begong Bleng Labenget Min. Bid Phot: P422.875 SAM\_GSC387 RSDL LOT Serumer Executive Homes. Contai Rd Legac, freer with Bogy, Malker) Lot Ares Min. Bid Proce 4,801 som. P 2 040.000 98, 441 spm. P 29.087 425 97,474 spm. P 41,245,000

SAM GSC370 HOUSE & LETT LA 604 seph FA 272 seph Mengustar St. Brgy Jackangas North Men. Bid Phon: P1,882,240 SAM 0.90373 PISOL LOT LA 1 594 spm (Netr Simm Farm Road, Brgy Lagos Mm Bid Price.P2,951.970

SAM GSC466 MDS, LOT LA 15,248 som Nat1 Highway Calumping, Brigg Melias Min. Skil Prior PH1,583,560

SAM GSCHOT INCT. LOT

LA: 13,544 spm lapur Squir Rd New Bohol, Calengang Min. Bld Price, P18,650,088 SAM\_GSC468 COMMA. LOT LA 206,346 kgm. Bo Lamcanal,Matendag Min. Bid Price, P7 635,183 **KIDAPAWAN** 

SAM KIDS74 AGRI LETT

JA 12,474 som Brigg: Paco Kidapawan Min Bid Price: P1,080,290 MISAMIS Text 09217388885

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SAM, MISHIN HOUSE & LOT LA 11,378 som: FA 238 som Alubeld, Missimis Onential Mis. Bid Proc. P1,934,260 **NORTH COTOBATO** Text 09157470332 SAM NO 1378 AGRILLOT

NA 49, 438 sgm Nanosai Pd Bigy Manutuun, Walife Man Bid Price, P3, 825,000 SAM\_NOTETY REDL LOT WE PIGGER UA 5 300 sgm FA 1 325 sqm Bigy Katchuan, Kababacan Mar. Bid Price: 2,660,000

**SOUTH COTABATO** 

SAM SCT378 NOST LOT W

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LA 3,000 som PA 330 som Ligtes Village, Cennery Rd. Paternald her Trapiland Pervinetropi Min. Bid Phon. P2,650,000 SAM SCT380 RSO'L LOT LA 1,064 seminear Ste. Nine Paristy Mt. Reves Southward Extension,

Min Bid Prior P904,400 SAM SC1361 AGRELOT LA 8, 640 kgm Min, Elid Prior: P1,468,800

SAM SCT382 RSD'L LOT

Down Half Poblacion Sto Nino Nut'l Town Half Poblacion Sto Nino Min. Bid Pace: P5,727.725 SAM, SCTMS HOUSE & LOT LA 1,851 som FA 278 som Sonitacio St. Poblecion Nomie Man. Bis Price:PB17,596

EAM SCT384 HOUSE & LOT LA 22, 887 sqm FA 176 sqm (man Borzo Ricard) Bo. Synsman, Poblacion N Min. Bit Price: P9,541,975 SAM SCT365 HOUSE & LOT LA 340 som FA 45 som Poblecion Nozala Man Bid Price, P 336,765

SAM, SCY386 RSOL LOT W/WRHSE LA 2: 581 som Pobledon Sie. Niño Min. Gld Price: 2, 193,850 SAM SCT387 HOUSE & LOT LA 796 som Rosal St. Brgy Pob. Saratish, Min. Bitt Price(831,260

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SAM, SCT470 RSCT, LOT

RAM SCIT472 HOUSE & LOT LA 409 soph FA 101 soph linear Our Lady of Louidas Hospitali II, Depth Subd., Koronadai Min Bid Price, P521.475 SAM SCT473 RSD% LOT

LA 3, 241 sqm Barno 6, Koronadel Mm. Bid PhomP1,377,426

SAM 9CT474 HOUSE & LOT LA 1,073 agns FA 170 agns. Purck Sampliguits Pob.Sto. Noo Nan. Bid Price. P4,560,290 **SULTAN KUDARAT** Text 09157470332

SAM\_SUL398 COMMIT. LOT LA 225 agm (near Metrobionic Tacurong) (near Metrobionic Rob., Tacurong) Nanonel Highwey, Pols. Inc. Man. Bid Price: P1 147,500 SAM\_SULTET RSDL\_COT LAZ, 642 mps./yeor Metr

SAM BULDER AGRI LOT LA 1,128 sqm (neer Faustine Chapel) Bo Kelevreg 1 Extension, Man. But Prices? 242,520 SAM SULTER HOUSE & LOT LA 1,000 sqm. FA 107 sqm.

Min. Bid Price: P1.347,280

Min. Bid Price: P2,246,700

SAM SUL400 COMMIL BLDG. LA 750 som FA 533 som During Ave Poblacion, Tecarong Chy Min. Bid Prior:P5,062 227 SAM SULADI HOUSE & LOT

SAM SOLICH HOUSE & COT Modeline Cor Flories Sts. Florids Sta. Inear Esperinza Mun. High Sch.) Lot Assa. Floor Anal. Min. Bio Proce 425-opp. 379-om. P. 197-750 405-opp. 163-opp. P. 3,442,500

SAM SUL402 AGPI LOT "A 10.16" som enfront of Experanza High Scht.) Motava Ext. Pobliscion: Esperanza Man. Bid Pricach 1,368,981

Done Ste Pob. Esperaran Min Bid Price: P999,320

SAM\_SUL408 MOUSE 5 JOT LA 494 som FA 148 som (rese PCBC bruish) Along Municipal Fgl / Santawag 11, Sulan Man Bib) Pnca P4, 199,000

TAGUM Text 09267686746

SAM TGMA11 AGAI LOT LA 4 328 soft (Near July of Southeaster Brgy Apokon Purok V Min 685 Prios:P1,839,400 NAM REMAIN INDEA LOT LA 6,000 sgpt Near Sen V Ferrer Chapelj Apolon Mrt. Sid Price P4.080,000

LA 225 som FA 172 som (Near Gueen of Apostin Samirany) Ptk. Sampeguita Rd 1, Magurgo West Julin. Bd Process78,125

SAM TOMAST AGRI PAW LAND JA 23. 44 sqm. Inser chillagen Coll.) Viscyan Village Man Bid ProscP6,873.666

A 181 som FA 38 som. Přesr Apokon Brgy Helit Germin / Illege, Apokon Min Blid Price: P285,780 BAM TONNIS HOUSE LLOT

SAM TOMAST COMMILLOT Quiranta II St. Prix Lapu-Inpu. Magugpoineer JVC.beck of JS Lot Area Min. 8id Price 3,001sqm P 25,508,500 1,646sqm P 5,995,500 Gasano) Lo! Área

SAM TOMASS RSCL LOT LA 650 somitive Methodial Church) Pagsabangan Min Sid Price, PS73,750 SAM TOMASO REDT. LOT LA 3,000 som (New Life Navighyes, Chapet Purck Orange Valley, Megogop South, Men Bid Price: P5,375,000

SAM TEMASO RSD'L/COMME BLDG LA 379 som FA 514 nom Sobrecarby St. Min. Bid PrioscP5.105.117

SAM TOMASS AGRI LOT LA 3, 827 som (Near Nichols Homes Subd.) Purok Bull. Visayan Village. Min. Bid Price P1,301 180

SAM\_TEM460 RSOL\_COT LA 477 BOYN (New DANECO Office) Bird District, Magugoo East, Min. Bird Price: P1.013,625

LA 250 som Okear Phil Benovolent Missionary) Senagete Vidago, Magugpo Enti. Min. Std PriceLP531,250 SAM TGM489 HOUSE & LOT LA 259 som FA 141 som (Near Broy Hall win Gemini Villagil) Gemini Villaga,Broy, Apokon Min Blid Price:P405 750

SAM, YGM476 HOUSE & LOT A 400 som FA 316 com. Inga Visayer Elem Sch.) Purch Palmera, Visayer Village Min. Bid Proc. P1, 277, 203 SAM TGM477 HOUSE & LOT Purok Palmera, Waayan V Ineer Visityah Elem: Schij LA, FA Man, Bid Price

(near Viseyan Elem, Sch.) LA. Min Bid Price 2,338 sgm. P4,988.250 7,014sgm. P5,981,900 SAM\_TGM482 AGPR COT LA 12, 550 som. Ines: Clausio Ines,Sical Cocipit Brgy. Conocotan Mer. Bid Proces 2,138,800

SAM\_TGM486 RBD1L LOT LA 1 5: 2 som Purok Nazza Vesyeh VP Men. Bid Price:P3.213,000 SAM TOMMSO RED'L LOT Purok Rendulari, Visayan Village (moters eway from Nichols Home Surod.)

SAM, YGNARO REDL LOT SAM, TGM/93 AGRI LOT

LA. 52,900 sqm Brgy Cenocotan Stan taken) palar Sical Cockett Arena) Jan. Bid Price P21,385,000 SAM TGM104 RSDL LOT LA 4 500 sqm.(nos) Nichola Harrisi Purok But, Visayan Village, Min. Bid Price:P9.562,500

SAM, TOMASS PROT. LOT JA 15,810 sqm Purok Cacao, Vishyan Yillioga Man. Bid Price, P5,834,250 SAM, TOMAST ASOL LAND WY BAPYT

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SAM BAC 185 RSOL LOT LA 107 som (hanning Pelimikob) Araneta St. Extension Brigs Rings Min. Bid Prior P 4.250,000 SAM BAC'185 MD'L LOT LA 75 405 spin (near CESASCO) Pengnoy Mansangon Min. Bid Pros.Phil/782.500 SAM COOPEL AGRILLOT SAM BAC187 (HDT, LOTS LA 5,000 SOTE PREV CEGASOR)

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SAM BACK PRODUCTION AND STATE OF THE STATE O BANLBACISS COMMEL LOT LA 1,000 sem (new Shell States City Heights Subd Pigy, Taculm Mrs. Bid Proce P 6,736,300

SAM, BAC195 RSDL, LETT EA, 1,534 sign. (may Police Hoodsparker) Handursan Rd, Begy Markillegen John, Birl Peters P1,586,000 TAMA BACTISE 2-STRY COMMO. BLOG A. 178 spp. FA 325 spy... Inear Sus Terminali C-50 Near Ave. Capital Shapping Center Ma. Bid Price: P2,670,000

BAM BAC106 RSDL, LOTS

LA 1,985 som, mar Montoelli Le Havencra Mogrande Subd. Begy Mandalas, an Mar. Bed Prope P5,826,991

LA 790 som just fithrest layet) Beverly Homes Str. Own Min. Bid Price P4,115,400 CEBU Text 09265256957

SAM DEUTS COMMIT. LOT WISTAU.
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MIN. Gld PHEMIT P. 25,813,084

SAM BACKES COMMITTORNAME

SAM\_COURS RED'LLEDT LA, 450 sept. Journ tealing parts of Cubu city) Asper St. South Hills Brgy. This Julia, Bid Polist. P1, 221,250 SAM CHUIDS RISCILLOT Aza visia God & Country Child

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ergy, Taomy Parcin Nan. Bid Price: P5,937,377

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# More 'action' seen with PSE's short-selling rules

By Daxim L. Lucas

SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN THE late 1920s, there has only been one legal way of making money on the local bourse. That is, "buy low and sell high."

As early as next month, however, the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE) is set to introduce rules that would turn this dictum on its head, allowing market participants to legally profit from price declines.

The scheme, called short-selling, falls under the PSE's newly approved securities borrowing and lending (SBL) program, and will legalize a practice that has long been the exclusive purview of only the most hardcore of punters.

Short-selling refers to the sale of any security that the seller does not own, or to a sale that will be settled by borrowed securities.

An example of a short-sale occurs when a person sells at a higher price a stock that he does not own. He settles the transaction by buying the same stock at a lower price for delivery to the buyer who earlier bought at a higher price.

The difference between the higher selling price and the lower buying price represents the profit of the short-seller.

### Lingering concerns

There are, however, lingering concerns about introducing a system that would actually help traders depress market prices on the stock exchange. After all, the broad sentiment continues to favor a strong market, and anyone seen going against the market is often viewed as a "party pooper" or "killjoy."

Critics also point to the fact that one of the biggest scandas to hit the PSE-the collapse of then market darling BW Resources Corp .-- was direct-

activities by a few brokers, which caused widespread market paruc.

### Lingering concerns

"It is difficult enough to push the market up, without having to contend with people who want to push stock prices down," said one trader, when asked about his views on short-selling.

Not wanting to be identified contradicting official policy, the trader said there were lingering concerns that unscrupulous market players could use the scheme to profit from bad news, or worse, spread false rumore about listed firms and profit from the market's adverse reaction.

Indeed, the idea of legalized short-selling has taken a long time to catch on in the Philippines

One of the earliest ideas for SBL was put forward in a proposal by the Investment Houses Association of the Philippines in the mid-1990s, originally meant to help holders of government and corporate bonds profit from their idle securities, by lending them out to short-sellers while waiting for them to mature.

Unresolved taxation issues prevented the idea from taking off, however until recently, when a broader lobby from capital market advocates helped convince the government to exempt SBL transactions from taxes.

"Overall, this would be good for the market," said CitisecOnline president Conrado Bate in an interview.

He pointed out that allowing investors to make money from price declines in addition to price appreciation would help lift the PSE to the ranks of the more advanced bourses in the region.

"The ability to profit from declin ing prices is one of the halimarks of a mature market," he said.

Bate's views are echoed by PSE

ly attributable to massive short-selling president Francis Lim, who has long pushed for the introduction of short-selling on the bourse.

In an interview, Lim explained that the practice of short-selling provides an effective vent, which prevents the creation of asset price bubbles-which can explode with dramatic effects on the financial

Short-selling, he said, would allow investors to bet against stocks which they believe are overvalued, he ping temper their stock prices or pushing them down to more realistic levels.

Lim added that the introduction of short-selling would increase trading volumes on the PSE-a situabon which would contribute directly to the bourse coffers.

"With short-selling, people would now be able to trade in both directions," he said

### Taking their time

Despite the promise it holds, corporate regulators have taken their time approving the scheme

In an interview, Securities and Exchange Commission chair Re Barin said regulators wanted to make sure that unsophisticated investors are not prejudiced by the introduction of a product meant only for the most savvy market players.

"We wanted to make sure that all the safeguards are in place," she

Among the limitations that would initially be imposed on short-selling is the so-called "uptick rule"-adopted from the practice in the New York Stock Exchange—where a stock can only be sold short on a price uptick.

This prevents a short-seller from aggravating stock price declines by dumping massive amounts of shares on the market.

At the same time, short-selling will initially be limited to companies that are capitalized at P10 billion or more, and those blue chips that are highly liquid.

This means that only the stocks which are most immune to price manipulation would initially be open to shorting.

"With the short-selling rules in place, investors may make money, or they can protect their investments, even when our market is retreating," Lim said. "With this, the market will be more active."

So far, all stakeholders are crossing their



# Fisheries sector growth on track despite drought

By Amy R. Remo

THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRI culture expects the fisheries sector to meet its production target this year despite the adverse effects of a prolonged dry speal.

In a report to Agriculture Secretary Arthur C. Yap, the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources said the effect of the drought in Luzon would likely be limited to tilapla production.

Sarmiento projected the potential loss to reach 45,743 metric tons of freshwater tilapia, representing less than one percent of the total production target for 2007.

Actual production of the aquaculture, commercial and municipal fisheries sectors reached 1.167 million metric tons in the first quarter and 1.495 million

metric tons in the second quarter. Total production for the third quarter is expected to hit 1.494

last quarter production is seen at 998,544 metric tons.

Sarmiento said actual production in the first semester and projected growth in the second half will bring total yields in the fisheries sector to the target this year of five million metric tons.

He noted that the potential loss of 45,743 metric tons of freshwater tilapia can be offset by opening up mariculture parks as production sites for cultured BFAR director Malcoim tilapia in nondrought areas.

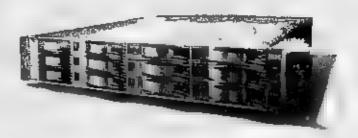
"There is a need to produce more saline-tolerant tilapia fingerlings to enhance culture and production in mariculture parks," Sarmiento said.

The Philippines is currently the eighth largest fish-producing country with total production at 4.16 million MT

Thus represents 2.8 percent of the total world production of 146.27 million metric tons, according to data from the Food million metric tons, while the and Agriculture Organization.

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Chemrez develops resin

### By Abigail L. Ho

hazards associated with fiber-Chemrez Technologies Inc. has developed a water-based polyester resin, which the company claims is the first of its kand in the world.

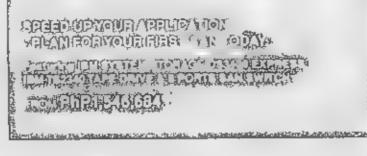
ChemrezTech chief operating officer Dean Lao Jr. said the product, called Polycol-Aqua, could be used to laminate and strengthen fiberglass structures such as water tanks and car body panels. Instead of using the solvent

styrene to make the polyester resin penetrate fiberglass materials, he said, Polycol-Aqua

This, he said, was a huge adglass production, listed firm vantage as styrene was highly combustible and produces strong fumes.

ChemrezTech said planned to export the product, adding that the company was now qualifying agents and distributors to market Polycol-Aqua and its other specialty resins to overseas customers.

Initial target markets for the product, he said, were countries in Southeast Asia and Indochina.



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# No free lunch

Not so for the Chinese, Not only do they require Chinese suppliers and contractors; the Chinese government even chooses which ones to deal with (as with ZTE in the NBN project). Thus, even the choice of supplier becomes the subject of a government-to-government agreement that leaves no room for the loan recipient to seek better value even within the limited choices among possible Chinese firms.

On the more sinister side is the perception that the Chinese are more willing to play along

with or tolerate payoffs to government officials in return for bagging major projects. The current outcry over the NBN project centers on such alleged overpricing to accommodate massive kickbacks for certain officials. In the end, we need to ask ourselves whether these ubiquitous Chinese loans are truly good for us-or whether they are leading us into a trap that we would all be better off steering away from.

Comments welcome chabito@ateneo.edu

**Editor Aries Espinosa** 

# SPacE offers solution to iob mismatch

mes encounter when hiring people for certain jobs is that applicants do not have the skills or competency required for the jobs as these are completely different from what graduates have studied in college.

Companies or the applicants themselves can address this problem of job mismatch by enrolling in short-term courses which will mold them into efficient and competent professionals.

The De La Salle-College of Saint Benilde's School of Professional and Continuing Education (SPaCE) offers post-baccalaureate diploma programs to address this problem of inadequacy. The specific subject areas are designed for individuals who already have a college degree but who

en their competency in their field of work, and get promoted.

The SPaCE programs are designed by industry experts who customize the curriculum to suit the needs of the course participants. Best practices in each field of study and the atest trends and development are also incorporated into the programs.

The curriculum emphasizes hands-on case studies and workshops so there is immediate takeaway value for the participants. What is learned today can be immediately applied in the workplace to-

Students can enjoy maximum schedule flexibility with these SPaCE programs as these are six modules which can be finished in a year. Each

A PROBLEM THAT MOST COMPA- want to learn a new skill or strength- module usually runs for six sessions or 42 class hours. Sessions are held every Saturday from 12.30 p.m. to

> Currently, SPaCE has ten diploma programs in various business disciplines and will open on Sep. 15. These are in the fields of Human Resource, Organization Development, Training Development, Professional Events Management, Strategic Marketing, Marketing Communications, Retail and Franchise, Restaurant and Food Entrepreneurship, Real Estate, and Purchasing and Supply Chain Management

Interested participants can inquire by talling 400-5425, or e-mailing space@dis-csb.edu.ph. They can also log on to the SPaCE website at www.dls-csb.edu.ph/space.



AIM CONDUCTS DEVELOPMENT COURSE FOR SUDANESE OFFICIALS

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) recently enlisted the help of the Asian Institute of Management (A.M) to the Philippines to conduct an immersive two-week development management program specially designed for govemance and strategic management needs of Sudan. 'Our objective is to help the Sudanese officials to address the present conflict in their country and develop institution and capacity-building initiatives so that Sudan can move forward as one nation, sald professor Mario Antonio Lopez, associate dean of the AIM Center for Development Management

# UP study cites economics of travel time on NLEX

PEOPLE EITHER MAINTAIN OR ENHANCE ream pointed out their capacity to earn if they can reach their destinations on time, or earlier

Conversely, they become less productive in varying degrees while held up in traffic owing to poor road conditions or traffic jams. For private car owners, as well as operators of passenger buses and jeepneys and cargo trucks, prolonged travet time translates into higher vehicle operating cost and more fuel consumption.

A study conducted recently by a team of academicians called UP-Planades, (an acronym for UP Planning and Development Research Foundation Inc) essayed on the economics of travel using as specimens the North Luzon Expressway (NLEX) that offers "seamless travel" and the nearby MacArthur National Road (MNR).

The research team, headed by UP dean Primitivo Cal, used as benchmarks data culled from a senes of test drives on both highways running parallel across Central Luzon. The MNR is commonly considered as an alternative

"If motorists choose to travel on MNR instead of the NLEX, they would incur additional expenses in vehicle operating cost in the amount of P257 per car. In addition, they would incur a penalty of about P800 due to higher travel time," the research document

Since travel time along the MNR is generally four times longer than on the NLEX, it was estimated that passengers of a large bus collectively lose a total of P3,120 per trip, it added

The study team has also estimated an average increase of about 30 kph of vehicular speed along the NLEX compared to data on the North Diversion Road (former name of NLEX).

"This increase in speed has positive impact on the various road users of NLEX," the study said

It explained that every car user emptys savings of about P350 over the entire 84-km length of the NLEX. "This amount is significantly higher than the roll fee increase of P120," the

On the other hand, large bus operators enjoy much bigger savings of P1,040 per trip. "The (bus) operator therefore, would be well justified should he pass on part of the toil fee increase to bus passengers."

Two-axie truck operators generate savings of about P70 per trip, mainly due to the reduced travel time. The saving enjoyed by truck oper ators is modest because the NLEX improvement allows trucks to run at speeds above optimum with the consequence of higher direct operating cost, including fuel consumption," the team explained.

The study was commissioned by the MNTC to determine the impacts of the NLEX improvements on such factors as road user cost, road safety and land use and value changes.

Road user cost consisted of basic vehicle operating cost (BVOC) and travel time cost. The BVOC components that were considered inchided fuel, lubricating oil, tires, spare parts, maintenance labor, capital, crew (for commer cial velucles) and overhead (based on Department of Public Works and Highways 2006 unit

Monetary value was attached to travel time on the theory that time spent traveling results in benefits or income from other foregone productive activities.

Travel time and delay surveys were conducted with six runs along NLEX, three runs along the MNR, and three runs along laterals connecting both roads. These survey runs were made for both northbound and southbound directions, and done on a typical weekday covermg the morning, noon and afternoon peak pe-

Travel speeds along the NLEX prior to the improvements were drawn from previous studies, while detailed road condition inventory for the MNR was conducted based on pavement condition, width and other geometric condipons that affect traffic flow and vehicle operat-

### A TRUE BLOODED RAHA

August is Rotary Membership Month, Sanator Gregorio B. Honasan officially joined in the roster of elite members of the Rotary Club of Raha Sulayman-Manila, the 3rd oldest club in Manila. The Senator best exemplifies the rotary motto, 'Service Above Self. Pinning the official club pin to Senator Henasan is RCRSM Sharing club president Jonathan 'Jun' Teng. RCRSM has been in the forefront of community service for 33 years 'Continuing a Legend, Innovating a Legacy' is the battlecry thems of Jon this year for the club. With the addition of Honasan to the club, the club is certain to "innovate something for the future generations' as its services goes nationwide



**EXPERIENCE BIGEN'S SILK TOUCH** 

Hoyu Co Ltd. Japan's leading has color maker, recently gave free hair color applications to lucky customers at the Robinsons Galleria to thank Filipino customers for more than 50 years of continued patronage. Aside from the hair coloring, customers who availed themselves of the Bigen Silk Touch also had the chance to win prizes such as 6 hoxes of Bigen Silk Touch, gift certificates, bags and compact mirrors. Bigen Silk Touch is Hoyu's premier hair color for tastionable Filipinas. Hoyu also organized a special exhibit on oriental hair to increase awareness on hair properties and care. Hove will be bringing the event to Rabinsons Manila from Sep. 12 to 16. Catch the Bigen Silk Touch exhibit organg at SM Makati until Sep. 10. and at SM North Edsa from Oct. 18 to 24. Shown are, at left, Yoshiki Fukami, product manager, Asia business division, Hoyu Co Ltd, and Art Andres, management supervisor, Asatsu-DK during

### **UP-PGH** pediatrics course

THE DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS. Philippine General Hospital, University of the Philippines, in cooperation with the CHILD Foundation Inc., will hold its 2007 Postgraduate Course titled "Subspecialty Alerts in General Pediatrics" on Sep. 12 and 13 at the Century Park Hotel, Manifa. The postgraduate course aims to empower pediatricians and general practitioners the ability to recognize and handle initial management problems that may need subspecialty referral. For inquiries, call Dr. Carmina

# Antel Spa boosts **FSRS** expertise

PROVIDING PREMIUM HOTEL has the people, expertise and con services require infrastructure, and systems that match the skill and experience honed by years of leadership in the hotel and resort trade is a task that most strive but only a few really achieve. Such was achieved when Antel Land Holdings Inc. combined its Full-Service Residential Suites (FSRS) concept with the premier management savvy of Genesis Hotels & Resorts Corp (Genesis) in the fast rising Antel Spa Residences.

PSRS is a revolutionary concept proneered by Antel Land Holdings Inc in 2005 that sought to provide true hotel facilities and services in a residential condominium at the onset, a bag departure from the traditional hybrid condotel and apartelle-style buildings, wherein the hotel services are just merely add-ons to the ensting structures.

Antel's approach gave birth to a new category and will soon serve as the benchmark for future residential towers in the country, spearheaded by Antel Spa Residences and its predecessor The A. Venue Residences.

Both well-respected leaders in their fields of expertise, the part nership of Antel Land Holdingsthe pioneer of the FSRS conceptand Genesis Hotels, a wholly Filipino-owned company with 30 solid years of experience in the horel and resort management in the country and overseas-is a perfect alliance that is set to change the monotonous hotel business landscape into a more dynamic and profitable experience.

"With tourism in the country growing by 4.46 percent since last year and the urgent need to service the shortage of hotel accommodation for below \$100, Antel Spa Residences' bold entry into the market is a timely and strategic move since the lifestyle tower's tourist-friendly FSRS amenities will greatly aid us in implementing our proven management style and expertise," said Genesis president Miguel Cerqueda.

According to him, FSRS fully complements the tried and tested model employed by Genesis in providing the S-star services to

"With FSRS, Genesis not only Avenue, Makati City.

tacts but also the facilities and systerns-the key ingredients for successful hotel and resort operations at par with other 5-star hotels in the Makati district, even better," Cerqueda said

"Through this revolutionary model, Antel Spa Residences, together with the A. Venue Hotel and Residences, will showcase the comfort of a residential condo and the indispensable luxuries offered by hotels," said Antel director for sales Migue, Gascon.

He added that under the reputable hands of Genesis, Antel Spa Residences promises to deliver only the best standard of services, as those being carried out in Astona Plaza in Pasig City, The Pearl Manu la Hotel, and Casa del Mar Golf & Dive Resort in Cebu-an elite circle of denixe hotels under the roster of Genesis Horels. Thus, introducing the concept of "lifestyle hotels" as distinctly handled by Genesismanaged properties is always associated with the concept of perfect hospitality havens of rest and recreation, personalized service. and world-class amenines.

Antel Spa Residences is set to stand within the 1.7-hectare domain of Antel Lifestyle City. It will offer full hotel services and features at the onset, with complete and master planned "back-of-thehouse" facilities, storage, warehousing, offices, manpower support, concierge, and laundry, which further the total pampering ехрепелсе.

The fast-rising tower will also offer special services that will promote a "wholistic" healthy lifestyle to its future residence, including a wide range of spa and wellness facilues; a Wellness Academy, nature trail; meditative sanctuary; private spa and massage centers; sauna baths; resort spa and kiddle pool; a sky infinity pool and lounge; and a commercial area for organic restaurants and market, beauty and medical clinics, and wellness shops.

For inquiries about the new Antel Spa Residences, call 896-8888 or log on to www.antel.com.ph Interested parties may also visit The Antel Venue Lounge at 5343 Gen. Luna Street corner Makati

### Ho writes an article on everything one needs In the Philippines, data from the 2000 to know about cholesterol medications; while the ribban cutting ceremony

Aging gracefully with diabetes

ed 600 million people over the age of 60 are living all over the globe. This number is projected to reach 2 billion in year 2050.

OURS IS AN AGING WORLD. AN ESTIMAT-

Census of Population and Housing reveal that 5 97 percent or 4.6 million Filipinos are aged 60 and above.

Advancing age, along with genetics and excess weight, is one of the risk fac-

tors for developing type 2 diabetes. All over the world, approximately eight percent of people over age 65 have diabetes.

"Folks over 65 years of age are nearly 10 times more likely to deverop diabetes than those aged 20 to 40," said Dr. Joy C. Pontanilla, editor in chief of DiabetEASE magazine.

The August-September issue of DiabetRASE tackles relevant issues for the elderly with diabetes. The cover story focuses on how to grow old gracefully with diabetes and offers ups from experts on how to deal with the disease. The issue also contains articles on how to deal with dizzy spells, how to overcome an overactive bladder, as well as general day-to-day tips for the elderly with diabetes.

Experts also answer questions on how to prevent low blood sugar attacks at night; and what vitamin supplements can be good for elderly diabetics. Endocrinologist Dr. Herbert rehabilitation specialist Dr. Tereska Joy Evangelista gives exercise tips for wheelchair users. Other features include recipes for denture

wearers, healthy soup recipes, and understanding food labels.

Gracing the cover is top diabetes doctor Augusto D. Litonjua, known in the medical world as the "Fether of Philippine Endocrinology". The issue also features ballroom dancing champ Ednah Ledesma as she talks about baliroom dancing as a suess buster

Aside from these articles, DiabetEASE is also packed with the latest news and trends about diabetes and diabetes care. DiabetEASE is a bi-monthly glossy magazine for people with diabetes, their families and the public in general.

DiabetEASE magazine is available in all National Bookstore outlets nationwide. For subscription inquiries, call 892-0723 to 24.

### St. Luke's Residency Programs open to applicants

ST LUKE'S MEDICAL CENTER, THE FIRST hospital in the Philippines to be accredited by the Loint Commission International, is now accept-Inc doctor applicants for its Residency Training Program. The entrance examination will be on-Sep. 14 at Auditorium 1, 14/F Cathedral Heights

Building, St. Luke's Medical Center. Applicants are required to submit documents to the graduate medical education office on or before Sep. 12 They are also reminded to bring all original documents and to prepare P500 application les. Call 723-0101/0301 local 4300.

### HERITAGE HOTEL'S MALAYSIAN FOOD PROMO ONGOING UNTIL SER. 12

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Ambassador Ahmad Rasidi Hazza, Embassy of Mataysis and Eddie Yeo, general manager, The Heritage Hotel Manila, recently spearheaded the ribbon-cutting ceremonies of 'Golden Marvels of Malaysian Kitchen," a Majaysian food promotion ongoing until Sep. 12, for lunch/dinner at Riviera Calé featuring Chef Razali and Chef All from Grand Millerinium Kuala Lumpur Bown in courtesy of Cabu Pacific Air. Witnessing the ceremony were: Candice lyog, marketing head, Celie Pacific Air (left), Angel Asi, sales manager, THHM (2nd from left); Eva Cannona, marketing manager, Tourism Malaysia (4th from left), Gibeth Gloria. food and beverage manager, THHM (3rd from right), and Norielle Roldan, director of sales and marketing, THHM (right)



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# Sleeker, edgier Razr hits the road

By Abigail L. Ho

HEN AMERican handset manufacturer Motorola came out with its thin clamshell Razr model more than two years ago, the competition didn't know what hit them.

Although the Razr model was initially positioned as an exclusive fashion phone, Motorola eventually placed it on the mass market in the mid-priced segment, cementing its position on the mobile phone map as the world's second largest vendor

The Razr model also reintroduced the clamshell design as fashionable and funky, reminiscent of days of yore when Motorola released the StarTac model-touted as the world's first full clamshell phone—in an age of candybar phones that were just taking baby steps toward the digital revolution.

To this day, Motorola Philippines mobile business unit marketing head Mari Litonjua said the Razr model, in its different incarnations and updates, remained the company's bestseller.

In a bid to maintain its hold on the No. 2 position, both globally and in the Philippines, Motorola has launched the Razr2 V8, a sleeker and more feature packed

version of the original thin clamshell.

"It's really more of an image phone, although it also has some added features that weren't there in the Razr models from before," he said. "We're going more for the 'influencers'-for people who go for gadgets that they really want to be seen using rather than individuals who look solely for features."

Unlike its predecessor, the Razr2 V8 has a sleeker glass-metal finish and a larger external screen that boasts richet, more vibrant colors. It also has a smart key feature that allows users to answer text messages, using pre-programmed messages, even when the clamshell is not

> For music lovers, the phone has a touchscreen feature that enables users to control their sound trip without having to flip open the handset more than once after starting the music player. On-board mem-

ory has also been significantly expanded THE RAZR2 512MB, from the previous Razr models' **64MB** first

generation Razr2 model, however, is limited to its internal memory capacity as it does not have an expansion slot for added

Litonjua said memory capacity on later Razr2 models would be expandable to up

The phone looks good and it has new features, too," he said. "I believe it's really not anymore a competition of features, but a matter of personalization. People nowadays want to be individuals. They don't want to be common."

He said this individualistic spirit was exactly what Motorola was targeting with the Razr2 V8.

"We don't follow trends. We make the trends," he said.

On a more global scale, Motorola is banking on the Razr2 and other upcoming handset models to regain the market share that it lost during the second quar-

According to research firm IDC, Motorola's second quarter market share shrank to 13 percent from 22.1 percent in the same period last year.

Here in the Philippines, Litonjua said the bandset manufacturer remained a strong No. 2, behind the still undisputed leader Nokia.

To push sales of the Razr2 V8, he said the company would be investing heavily on advertising and promotion, as well as in putting up more concept stores in strategic parts of the country.

### Symantec launches new Norton for Windows

By Riza T. Okhondra

MOST PC USERS STORE SEN sitive data in their computers, but there are many who fail to back up their files, said Symantec Corp.

"According to our research, 91 percent of consumers are storing personal data on their within recovery points, Nor-PCs, but we also found that ton Save and Restore enables 43 percent of consumers do users to fully recover or to not back up their data," vicepresident for consumer products Rowan Trollope said

To encourage data backup among clients, Symantec said it has released upgraded software to make backing up more convenient.

The releases are the Norton Save and Restore 2.0 and Norton Ghost 12.0 for Windows Vista and Windows XP

The latest version of Norton Save & Restore preserves important data such as digital photos, MP3s and financialrelated documents. For advanced users, Norton Ghost 12.0 further leverages Symantec's Backup Exec System Recovery solution for businesses to create Norton's fastest, most advanced personal backup and recovery tool to date.

Our latest version of Norton Save and Restore is the most consumer and digital- and P 3,619 respectively.

friendly backup solution in the market today," Trollope said. "With more setup wizards, an improved interface and flexible backup options, users can get peace of mind knowing their data is safe and secure."

With enhanced browsing quickly search for and recover specific lost or damaged files or folders.

Norton Ghost 12 takes data and system protection to the next level with powerful new features such as remote management, Google Desktop integration, and LightsOut Restore. Support for one-to-one remote management enables users to back up other Norton Ghost clients on the network. Integration with Google Desktop ailows users to create searchable backup indexes to make recovering data even faster.

Both Norton Save & Restore 2.0 and Norton Ghost 12 are now available for purchase from various Symantee retail stores, the Symantec online store at www.symantecstore.com/ph, as well as other online retailers. Norton Save & Restore 2.0 and Norton Ghost are priced at P2,349

# Users do more than call on their mobile phones

By Tina G. Santos

SINGAPORE—MOBILE PHONES have become more than just devices for making voice calls and sending text messages.

Citing a recent Noxia study, an executive of the mobile phone giant said at least 76 percent of users listen to music, 64 percent tures an integrated hardware take photos, 54 percent play games and 48 percent browse the Internet.

"More and more people [are using] the multimedia functionality [of] their mobile phone units," said Illka Raiskinen, SVP for Multimedia Experiences, Nokia Multimedia. "They're nev-

er satisfied. They keep looking for innovations new and more interestfeatures on mg mobile their phones."

As if to highlight this point, Nokia has unveiled four well-designed mobile devices—the 5310 Noiga XpressMusic, the Nokia 5610 XpressMusic, the Nokia N81 and the new Nokia N95 Black Edinon-specifically

optimized for entertainment, music and games.

**NOKIA N95 8GB** 

"These new entertainment-enabled devices are for consumers who want their music, games and favorite media with them wherever they go," added Urpo Karjalainen, Nokia's senior vice president for customer and market operations in the Asia Pacific, during the recent product launch here dubbed "Nokia Go Play"

Expected to be available during the fourth quarter of the year, each device offers dedicated music or gaming keys, expanded memory, large screens and extended battery performance to provide quick and easy access to entertainment content.

The Nokia 5310 XpressMusic is the newest music phone. It is the company's latest addition to its ultra slim line of products.

Although small in size-9.9 mm thick and weighing less than 71 grams so it fits comfortably in a pocket or purse-the Noloa 5310 XpressMusic is considered a minimusic powerbouse as it offers up to 18 hours of music playback, memory for up to 3,000 songs on

an opuonal 4GB microSD card and dedicated keys that makes listening to music a breeze.

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Available in red and blue, the new phone model has a 2megapixel camera and a bright 2inch screen.

The Nokia 5610 XpressMusic is also a music phone that feaslider button for ease of use in browsing through playlists. It of fers crystal clear sound and up to 22 hours of music playback and memory with capacity for 3,000 songs on an optional 4GB microSD card.

But more than just a phone and music player, the Nokia 5610

XpressMusic fearures high-quality 3.2 megapixel camera with autofocus and dual LED flash. Another upcom-

ing product is the Nokia N81, which is the new top of the line music phone that features a new user interface and a walloping 8GB of memory. With dedicated mu sec and gaming keys, a 3.5 mm headphone con nector and 3G and WLAN connectivity,

the Nokia N81 multimedia computer is a true mobile entertainment powerhouse.

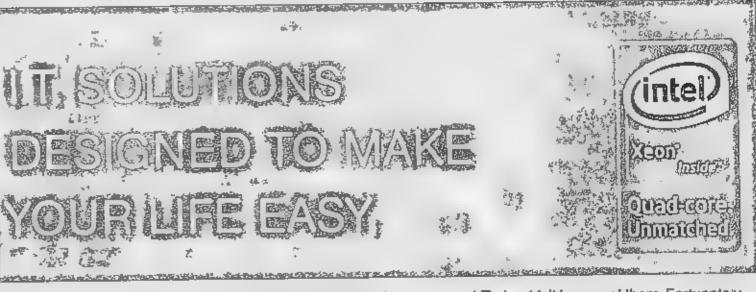
It is configured to find, buy, manage and play music and games purchased from the Nokda's new Internet services, inchilding the Nokia Music Store and N-Gage

The Nokia N81 comes in two versions: the Nokia N81 8GB with internal 8GB flash memory, and the Nokia NS1 with expandable memory.

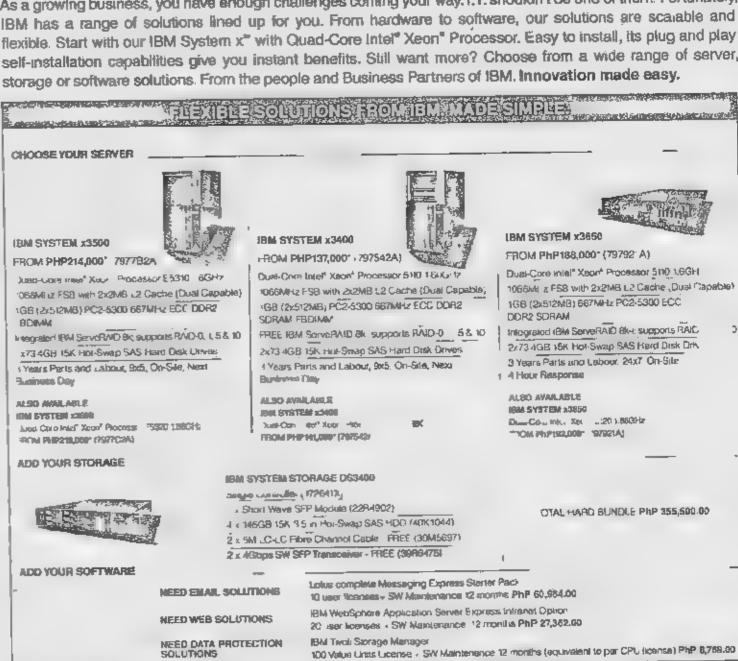
Then, there's the black edition Nokia N95 8GB, an improvement of its previous model.

With all the key features of its predecessor, including a 5 megapixel camera, the Nokia N95 8GB now houses 8GB of memory it also boasts a better battery life and a bigger 2.8 mch screen-the largest ever for a multimedia computer.

"Nokia is no longer just a voice company," executives stressed, adding that the new phone models offer content that would be more relevant to them. And those are certainly in the area of entertainment and games."



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Name of Project. Location **Brief Description** Approved Budget for the Contract Contract Duration

**Delivery Period** 

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The complete schedule of activities is as follows:

Activities	
1. Issuance of Bid Documents	September 10 to 24, 2007
2. Pre-8id Conference	September 24, 2007 at 1 30 PM
3. Opening of Bids	October 08, 2007 at 1:30 PM
4. Bid Evaluation	October 09 to 24, 2007
5. Post-Qualification	October 25 to November 02, 2007
5. Notice of Award	November 15, 2007

Bid documents will be available only to prospective bidders upon payment of a nonrefundable emount of Php 2,800.00 to the Cashler of PRO III.

(Egd.) PRISCILLA 6. ASUNCION Chairperson, Bids and Awards Committee

(PDt - September 10, 2007)

### San Rafael Fiesta 2007

Samar Foundation Inc will Saint Raphael Archangel. hold its annual fiesta celebration and jubilee luncheon with ballroom dancing on Oct. 7, 9 a m. at Kowloon House, 20 Quezon City.

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Only qualified bidders who passed during the pra-qualified screaning will be allowed to participate in the bidding. Bid proposels must be accompanied by 8ld security equivalent to 5% of the total bid price in an acceptable form.

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(Sgd.) NILO A. ESTOPA

(Sgd.) SALVADOR G. HERNANDEZ General Manager

(PDI-Sept. 10 & 14, 2007)

### Canon launches photo contest

CANON MARKETING (PHILIPPINES) INC CALLS ON ALL amateur and professional Canon digital camera owners and users to join Canon's "Smile 7107", a photo competition that aims to showcase the best and distinct Filipino images taken in and around the Philippine archipelago. This activity will likewise provide a venue to showcase exemplary photos from Canon photographers and to assist in the promotion of the beauty of the Philippines.

Aprily named after the Philippines 7,107 islands, "Smile 7107° will have 10 themes, where participants can submit a maximum of one entry per theme

Entry forms and information can be requested at the Canon head office at Marvin Plaza Building, or downloaded from www.canon.com.ph (What's Hot Section), the Club EOS website www.canon.com.ph/clubeos, the Digital Photographer Philippines' forum (http://www.digitalphotographer.com.ph),

or via e-mail request from SMILE7107@canon.com.ph Deadline of entries is at 12 noon of Sep. 15. A first, second and third place winner will be awarded per theme. The 10 first place winners will be given a PowerShot S3 IS digital camera and an A3+ sized print out with frame

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BOCIAL SECURITY COMMISSION Makati City

CLEOFAS VALENCIA and NILO VALENCIA. Petitioner

88C Case No. 8-17017-06

- versus -MELY RUTA and the SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM. Respondent

SUMMONS

MS. MELY RUTA GREETINGS:

You are hereby required to file within fifteen (18) days from the date of publication of this Summons with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission, 12th Floor, SSS (Makati) Bulding, 6782 Ayala Avenue corner Rufino Street (formerly Herrera Street), Makati City your Answer to the Petition for benefit accruing from the death of Arterie B. Valencie Artemio B. Volencia

You are further required to serve a capy of your saswer mon the petitioner through their counset. Ally Eliza B Yu at the Public Attorney's Office, Ground Floor Gusaling Katarungan, 2228 F Zobel Street, Makali City, and anon the SSS through the Senior Vice President, Legal and Collection, East Avenue, Dilman, Quezon City.

If you fail to answer within the lime prescribed above, the Hearing Commissioner, may upon motion of the petitioner or motion proprio, declare you in default and shall forthwith proceed to receive the petitioner's evidence exparts and thereafter recommend to the Commission either the granting or denial of the petition as the evidence may warrant. evidence may warrant.

50 ORDERED

Makati City Philippines, July 31, 2007

SOCIAL SECURITY COMMISSION

(PDI - September 10, 2007)

### Starmaker competes at Macau Int'l Fireworks contest

STARMAKER FIREWORKS from Australia and San Tai Fireand Pyromusicals will repre- works Ind Co Ltd from Taiwan, sent the Philippines in the up- Sep. 25, Grupo Luso Pirotecnia coming 19th Macau Interna- from Portugal and Starmaker tional Fireworks contest Inc; Sep 29, Illumination Starmaker is the country's num- Internationale Ltd from the ber one supplier of fireworks United States and Marutamaya and special effects.

ment Tourism Office, is an annual event that started in 1989 From the five teams that in: tially joined, the Macau International Fireworks competition continues to grow as it draws more participants from all over the world

On Sep. 15, the contest will open with the lights display of Kımbolton Fireworks Ltd from the United Kingdom and Hanwha Corp from Korea Other competition days are on Sep. 22, Five Star Fireworks

Ogatsu Fireworks Co Ltd from The Macau International Japan, and Oct. 1, Artifices JCO Pireworks Competition, orga- SA from France and Hunan nized by the Macau Govern- Xintiancheng Fireworks Manufacturing Co Ltd from China.

Starmaker is also preparing for the Beijing Fireworks competition from Sep. 6 to 13 as consultant to Team Australia Together, Starmaker and Team Australia will launch their fireworks from a barge near the Great Wall of China

Starmaker is the same company that is behind the spectacular fireworks display at SM Mall of Asia Fridays and Saturdays at 7 pm. It is also the fireworks supplier of GMA 7

# DRITUARIES

### The state of the s Fremember ... BOBBY years since we first met I remember still as our eyes met 36 years since we forged our vows

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when you were still here I still dream and hope you are always near. I have always loved you then. In love I remain till we meet again.

Minnie

# ROBERTO (BOBBY) G. JONGCO

In Loving Memory

On the 17th Anniversary of Roberto "Bobby" G. Jongco's reunion with THE LORD, the following MASSES will be offered today for Bobby's eternal rest

Our Lady of the Abandoned Parish ..... Calderon, Sta. Ana 6:00 am St. Paul Chapel .... 6:00 pm Mo. Ignacia cor Timog, Q.C. 6:00 am Our Lady of Fatima Parish .... Philamlife Village, Las Piñas St. Joseph Parish Aurora Blvd 12:00 na Don Bosco Parish Amaiz Ave. cor Amorsolo 6:00 pm

Minnie, Rovi & Shiela, Tina (Weng) & Nolan wish to thank our relatives and friends who have been praying for Bobby's peace in the gurden of our LORD.

To the family and friends of the late

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joined her Creator on September 8, 2007 at the age of 85.

Her bereaved family, son John and wife Humby; sisters and brother, Salud, Pilar (†) Florentino, Teresita and Rosario and her inlaw, nephews, nucces and relatives request and appreciate your prayers for the eternal repose of her soul.

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Her remains lie in state at St. Michael's Chapel, Segunda Village, Platero, Biñan, Laguna

Interment will be on Tuesday, September 11, 2007 at Eternal Gardens after the Mass of the Resurrection at 2:30 p.m.

a dark valley, I feel no harm. For youare at my side, your rod and staff give me courage..." Psalm 23:4

Message of Thanks We, the family of the late DEMETRIA CYNTHIA P. BONDAME

who joined our Creator on August 22, 2007 at the age of 43 wish to convey our heartfelt gratifude to all those who

visited and paid their last respect, kept vigil, prayed with and for us, offered masses, flowers, donations, gave mass cards, called from abroad, emailed, attended the daily services and funeral rites and those who in other ways consoled and comforted us at the time of our greatest loss and sorrow

May God bless you always

### Notify family and friends of a loved one who had just passed away.

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### Denise Huang performs at CCP Filipino artists series

NOTED VIOLINIST Demse Huang is the featured artist for the third Filipino Artists Series (FAS) concert at the Cultural Center of the Philippines' Tanghalang Aurelio Tolentino (Little Theater) slated on Sept. 26, at 7:30 p.m.

Denise Huang holds a Master of Music degree in Violin Performance at the San Francisco State University (SFSU), where she received the Pone, Morrison and CA scholarships under Prof. Jassen Todorov, and a Bachelor of Music degree from St Scholastica's College where she graduated as valed ctorian of class 2002.

She has appeared as soloist in numerous concerts with the PREDIS Chamber Orchestra. Manila Youth Symphony Orchestra, the Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra and the Manila Symphony

she served as Assistant Concertmaster for 2 years. She was a prizewinner in all categories of the National Music Competitions for Young Artists (NAMCYA) She participated in the Jeunesses Musicales World Orchestra tour in 2001 to 2002 with performances in Germany, the Netherlands and Eastern Europe. In the US, Huang was featured in several concerts in the Bay Area, including the Yehudi Menuhin seminar led Studio Orchestra.

remarkable young artist as she performs Beethoven's Sonata No. 5 for Violin and Piano in F major, op. 24 "Spring Sonata," and Beethoven Romance op. 50; Ravel's Sonata for Violin and Piano, Ysaye's Sonata No. 3 "Ballade," op. 27 no. 3, Balsamo's Pantasia de Kundiman, CB 5 No. 3; and Consolacion's Nocturne. Her pianist is Mary Anne Espina.

For information, please call the CCP Music Division at 832-1125 loc. 1604/1605 or Marketing Department at 832-1125 loc. 1805. Tickets are available at Ticketworld at National Bookstores and Tower Records at 891-9999 or the CCP Box Office at 832-

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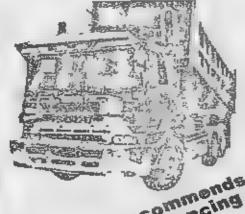
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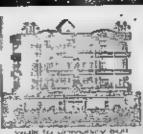
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Any person with valid objections to or pertinent comments on the above-mentioned application may file with the PEZA his/her objections in writing and under oath, with fifteen (15) days from the date of this publication.

Please direct your position papers/comments to the Enterprise Regulations Department of PEZA [Tel. Nos. 551-95-86 and 551-95-44, and teletax 551 3456]

> (Sgd.) LILIA B. DE LIMA Director General



### HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND

### INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

PROVISION OF POSTAGE SERVICES FOR THE TRANSMITTAL OF POUCHES AND PARCELS TO PAG-IBIG FUND BRANCH OFFICES AND VARIOUS LOCATIONS WORLDWIDE FOR Y2008-2009

The Pag-IBIG Fund, through its Bids and Awards Committee-Goods & Services inlends to apply the sum of Twelve Million Nine Hundred Six Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Four Pesos (P12.906,464.00) being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for the Provision of Postage Services for the Transmittal of Pouches and Parcels to Pag-BIG Fund Branch Offices and Various Locations Worldwide for Y2008-2009. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at Bid Opening.

The Pag-IBIG Fund now invites Bids from eligible Biddars for the Provision of Postage Services for the Transmittal of Pouches and Parcels to Pag-IBIG Fund Branch Offices and Various Locations Worldwide. The contract shall take effect on January 1, 2008. The description of an eligible Bidder is contained in Section It of the Bidding Documents, Instructions to Bidders.

Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using non-discrationary passifall criteria as specified in the implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A) of Republic Act 9184 (R.A. 9184), otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act," and is restricted to Fitipino citizen's sole propositorships, organizations with at least style percent (60%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines, and to citizens or organizations of a country the laws or regulations of which grant similar rights or privileges to Fitipino citizens, pursuant to Republic Act 5183 (R.A. 5183) and subject to Commonwealth Act 138 (C.A. 138). Only Bids from Bidders who pass the eligibility check will be opened. The process for the eligibility check is described in Section III of the Bidding Documents, ITB. The bidder with the Lowest Calculated Bid (LCB) shall advance to the post-qualification stage in order to finally determine responsiveness of the bid to technical and financial requirements of the project. The determine responsiveness of the bid to technical and financial requirements of the project. The contract shall then be awarded to the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bidder (LCRS) who was determined as such during post-qualification procedure.

Interested Bidders may obtain further information from the BAC-GS Secretariat of Pag-IBIG Fund and inspect the Bidding Documents at Room 704, 7th Floor, Atrium of Maketi, Maketi Avenue, Maketi City on September 10, 2007 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by Interested Bidders from the BAC-GS Secretarist, Room 704, 7th Floor, The Atrium of Makati, Makati Avenue, Makati City starting September 10, 2007 upon payment of a non-refundable fee in the amount of Nine Thousand Pesos (P9,000.00) in the form of cash, certified check, cashier's check, manager's check payable to Pag-IBIG Fund. The Bidding Documents shall be received personally by the prospective Bidder or

The Pag-IBIG Fund will hold a Pre-Bid Conference open to all interested parties on September 17 2007 at 9:00 AM at the Taduran Hall, Floom 602, 6th Floor, Atrium of Makati, Makati Avenue, Makati

Bids and eligibility requirements must be delivered to Room 704, 7th Floor, Atrium of Makati, Makati Avenue, Makati City on or before 9:00 AM of October 1, 2007. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in the form and amount indicated in the Bidding Documents. Late Bids shall not be accepted.

Bid opening shall be on October 1, 2007 at the Taduran Hall, Floom 602, 6th Floor, Atrium of Makati. Makati Avenue, Makati City at 9:00 AM Skds will be opened in the presence of the Skiders'

The Pag-tBIG Fund, Head Office reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all Sids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

For further inquiries and/or information, please call Messrs. Wilfindo Nacito S. Reyes and Jose Maria M. Diez at 611-4262 / 894-5815 or visit our Corporate Website at http:// www.pagibigfund.gov.ph or e-mail us at gsd@pagibigfund.gov.ph.

> BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE GOODS & SERVICES

(Sgd.) DELIAL BERNARDO Vice President Administration Group Vice Chair, BAC-GS

(PDI-September 18, 2007)



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Office of the President

### INVITATION TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS FOR NEGOTIATED SALE

The Home Guaranty Corporation (HGC) is inviting interested parties to aubmit letters of intent to negotiate and bid proposals for the disposition of the property described below thru outright sale (in bulk or by phase), joint venture, lease, or other similar or variant schemes

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	Phase 3	1	0	1	31 559 00	Rawland
	Total	543	197	740	187,324.54	

The property shall be disposed on an "AS-IS-WHERE-IS" basis;

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provision for escalation, and

For other similar or varient schemes, the proposed terms of sale must be indicated.

HGC reserves the right to require additional information as it deems necessary to better understand and evaluate the offer(s)

Activities	Date/Time
Submission of Letters of Intent & Issuance of Eligibility Requirements	September 10 to 13, 2007
Pre-negotiation Conference	September 14, 2007 / 2:00 p.m.
Submission of Eligibility Requirements  & Financial Proposats/Offers	September 18, 2007 / 2:00 p.m.

interested parties are encouraged to inspect the property before tendering their offers.

Details pertaining to the property as well as the guidelines for the negotiation can be obtained from the HGC's Asset Management and Disposition Group (AMDG) Office located at the 4th Ploor of Jade Building, 335 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City from September 10 to 13, 2007 upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P 2.500.00

The Financial proposals/offere shall be sealed and dropped at the designated box located at the HGC's AMDG office.

For Inquiries, please call the Asset Management Department at tel. nos. 897-32-86 & 897-32-90 or visit our office at the Jade Building, 335 Sen. Gli Puyat Avenue, Makati City.

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# BUSINESS

# Japan augments SCTEx budget with P6-B loan

By Ronnel W. Domingo

THE BASES CONVERSION Development Authority has secured a P6-billion supplemental loan from the Japan Bank for International Cooperation, which would be used to cover the shortfall in funds for the Subic-Clark-Tariac Expressway.

BCDA vice president Aileen Zosa said that the JBIC approved the loan last Sept. 6, but it could take six months before any drawdown could be made.

"For this reason, BCDA is arranging for a commercial loan of P4 billion from a consortium of banics that include Development Bank of the Philippines, Land Bank of the Philippines and Metropolitan extension of 54 days.

Bank and Trust Co.," Zosa said in an interview.

She added that the group of banks has approved in principle the loan, which BCDA will use as bridge financing until the JBIC supplemental loan becomes available.

Last week, BCDA president and chief executive Narciso L. Abaya said that the 43.27 kilometer Clark-Tarlac section of SCTEx is expected to be opened within the year, now that it is already 96-percent complete.

Referred to as Package 2 of SCTEx, the Clark-Tarlac leg was supposed to be finished by October But contractor Hazama-Taise:-Nippon Steel (HTN) Joint Venture has again asked for an

Package 1 is the 50-kilometer Subic-Clark section, which is expected to be opened next year,

However, contractor Kajima-Obayashı-JFE Engineering-Matsubishi Heavy Industries Joint Venture (KO-JM JV) has also asked for a four-month extension, which means that the section would be completed by March 2008.

BCDA is bankrolling the construction of the project through a P20.9-billion JBIC loan that was signed in

Abaya said the peso's appreciation was blamed for the shortfall, adding that the currency's strength effectively trimmed the fund's value to some P18 billion.

# RP sees surplus after years in the red

By Michelle V. Remo

THE COUNTRY IS EXPECTed to post a consolidated public sector surplus of P56.8 bilbon in 2008, ending years of being in the red following the

Asian crisis of the late 1990s. The public sector's estimated budget surplus next year is a huge turnaround from the projected deficit of

P21.8 billion this year. The expected fiscal recovery will result from the national's government's effort to post a balanced budget by 2008 from an estimated

The government is bank-

ing on improved tax take next year, citing reforms to shore up collections of the Bureau of Internal Revenue and the Bureau of Customs.

Data from the Department of Finance show that budget surpluses will be recorded by social security institutions (in the amount of P51.3 billion), the Bangko Sentral ng Púipinas (P1 billion), government financial institutions (P7.1 bulion) and local govern-

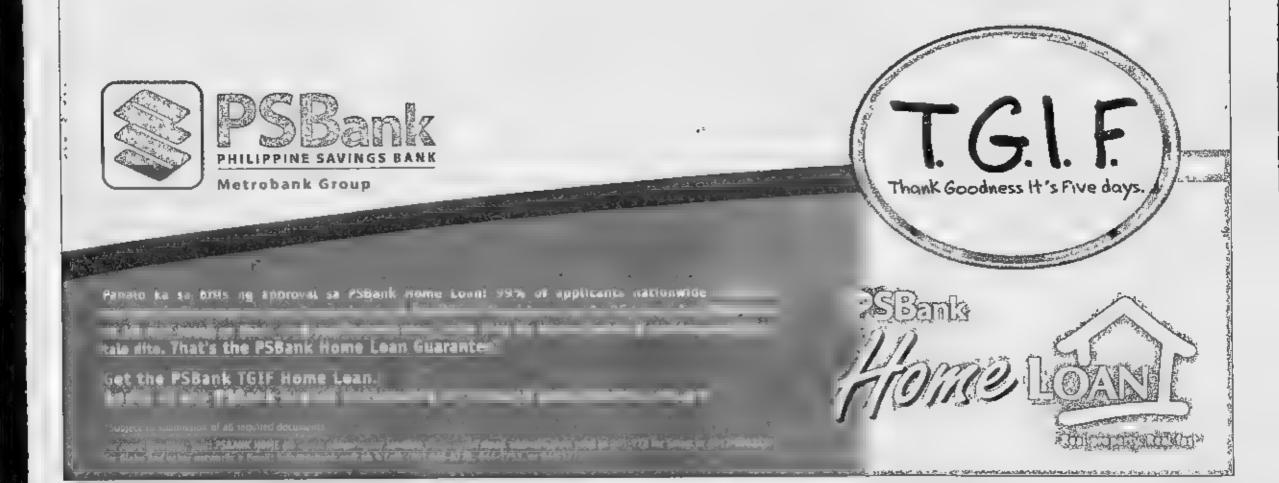
ment units (P13.6 billion). Social security institu-

deficit of P63 billion this year. tions includes the Government Service Insurance System, Social Security System and Philhealth.

> Data also show that P11 billion may be added to the surplus resulting from adjustments of previously computed financial data.

> On the other hand, deficit items in the public sector's budget next year include the P165 billion in combined deficit of government-owned and -controlled corporations, and the P10.6 billion that would be allocated to pay debts of the old central bank.

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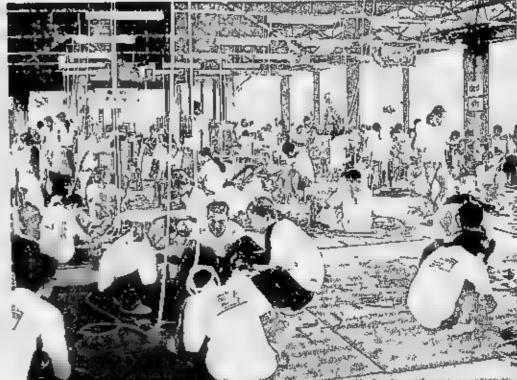
WEAVE in faith, strength in the thread

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

BUYERS AROUND THE world may not know it, but that piece of exquisite outdoor furniture they bought from Cebu-based furniture exporter Dedon Manufacturing Inc. has helped keep many poor Filipino youth off the streets.

This is because, over the last two years, close to 500 out-of-school youth in the care of the Don Bosco Technology Center in Cebu have been trained and then hired as specialty weavers to meet the increasing export demand for Dedon's high-end line of outdoor furniture

Another 300 are scheduled to be trained



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### MOVEMENTS

Leo Burnett's exec goes to Hall of Fame

FOR WINNING SIX GOLD AD OF THE YEAR AWARDS, LEO BURNETT Manila's chief creative officer Richard Irvine was recently honored as the fourth inductee into the Creative Guild Hall of Fame

ryine, who halfs from England, likewise distinguished himself as the first foreigner to be so honored. It took him only seven years to do it, scoring all his AD of the Year Awards for Leo Burnett. He was inducted into the Creative Guild Half of Fame for McDonald's "Lolo" TV, McDonald's "Opening" TV, Peria "Lean on Me" Print, Peris "Touching Moments" Radio, Tide "Instinct" TV and WSi "March to Millions" Radio. Additionally, Leo Burnett took home a silver for TVC Compaign of the Year for Mr. Clean "Washing Machine" campaign

rvine holds BA honors in advertising and graphic design. He joined Leo Burnett 20 years ago. After working at the Leo Burnett offices in London, Bangkok and He Chi Minh, he was posted to Hemisphere-Leo

### New PNOC president named

Antomo M. Callao was recently appointed president and CEO of the Philippine National Oil Co. Prior to this assignment, he was chair of PNOC Energy Development Corp. PNOC-EOC)

Carlao, a veteran International banker for Citigroup, was tasked by the government to oversee the smooth privatization of a number of PNOC subsidiaries, including PNOC-EDC, by yearend.

His overseas exposure in the global financial scene will come handy in managing these privatizations

Next In line is the privatization of the PNOC Exploration Corp. (PNOC-EC), the Company's oil and gas subsidiary

His 20 years of overseas assignment included sanfor management positions in Hong Kong, Korea. Singapora, Vietnam and Latin America. Callao was the first Asian and Filipino to receive the grestigious Citi-

group Chairman's Award, not just once, but twice. His last posting at Citigroup was as Asia Region head for Corporate Banking clients for Asian customers in the 12 Asian countries

Callao obtained his BSBA and MBA from the University of the Phi ppines. It was during his student days that he founded AIESEC Philippines, an international student exchange program in the area of finance and business that has benefited thousands of Fill pinos and participated in by top universities in the country

### Microsoft appoints managing director

Microsoft Philippines recently announced the promotion and appointment of Rafaei Rollan as new managing director. Rollan will start his new role officially on Oct. 1, 2007.

Rollan has been with Microsoft for four and a half years, where he started as sales manager for enterprise accounts. Over the last four years, Rollan worked his way up and took over the helm of the enterprise business as director of the Enterprise Partner Group

"I am very excited about this opportunity to lead Microsoft Philippines," said Rollan. "We have a strong and passionate team here in the country. We know that there are so many opportunities for our customers and for our country to benefit from technology. We will tocus on helping our customers and partners optimize those opportunities. We will also continue to help build the country's IT infrastructure and work to empower the underserved sectors

Rotan takes over from Antonio "TJ" Javier or , who has been the managing director of Microsoft Philippines for five fiscal years. Under Javier's leadership, the subsidiary tripled its business as well as its manpower resources in the country and implemented citizenship programs designed to help aid in the country's economic development

### Filipino heads Asean council

The Chamber of Furniture of the Philippines (CFIP) has officially taken over the belin of the Assan Furniture Industries Council (AFC) from the Malaysian Furniture Industries Council (MFIC)

The Philippines, which is next in line for chairmanship after Malaysia, will carry the baton for AFIC from 2007 to 2009. The other member countries of the AF<sub>1</sub>C are Indonesia, Myanmar, Singapore and Thailand

Oato' Yong Seng Yeaw, president of MFIC and the immediate past. chair of AFIC formally handed over the reigns of AFIC to Nicolaas K. De Lange who was appointed by the board of CFIP as chair of AFIC for the two-year term. De Lange has previously served as president of CFIP for two terms and also manages his own company, Designs Lignal

De Lange said: "I am honored to be given this great responsibility to take on this dynamic role. The new secretariat will, build upon the good foundation established by the past committee and continue to pursue initiatives in the best interests of the Asean furniture industries and all its members

AFIC with remain an active player in increasing intra-Asean trade and continue to enhance our members' competitiveness amid intense global competition."

### Pacific Internet appoints new VP

Pacific Internet, an affiliate of Pacific Internet Limited, one of the largest Internet service providers in Asia Pacific, has appointed Rosemarie Pineds as the new vice president for product development and market-

in her dual function as the head for both marketing and product development, Pineda will supervise the development of new products and IP services such as Voice-over internet Protocol (Vo P), data/internet access and other value added services like managed security according to the needs and demands of the local market. She is also in charge of growing Pacific internet's regional brands in the Philippine market

She is further expected to lead customer and market research initiatives, advertising and promotional campaigns, as well as conceptualize and Implement Pacific Internet Phi appines' "Go to Market" programs

Pineda's extensive experience in marketing, sales, product and brand management, in the telecommunications, manufacturing and consumer goods industries has made her a vital member of the Pacific Internet team.

"There is a growing market for value-added services such as VoIP, data and internet services in the country. Her vast industry experience and insights will help us further in developing innovative products and marketing campaigns that will truly capture the changing market's needs," said Jojie Yap, managing director of Pacific Internet Philippines

### Periquet chairs Yegap

Entrepreneur and former Youth Sector Representative Anna Marie Perlquet was appointed by the Confederation of Asia-Pacific Chambers of Commerce and industry (CACCI) as chair of the Young Entrepreneurs Group of Asia Pacific (Yegap) during its meeting held in Perth, Austraffa. CACCi is composed of 23 member countries

Yegap's main objective is to promote a pro-enterprise spirit among

young entrepreneurs in Asia-Pacific.

To achieve this goal. Yegap cultivates a culture of entrepreneurship among the youth in the Asia-Pacific region by pushing for the inclusion of entrepreneurship subjects in the secondary level and entrepreneurship courses and departments in the tertiary level: the establishment of university affiliated business incubator facilities and the creation of antrepreneurship clubs in schools

in 1992, Periquet formed the Young Entrepreneurs' Business Club, the youth arm of the Philippine Chamber of the Commerce Industry, composed of start-up entrepreneurs below the age of 40

The club spearheaded the Youth Entrepreneurship Program (YEP)

that provides training to budding entrepreneurs

The YEP is now a government program adopted by the National Youth Commission where Periquet also served as council member.

# BusinessMonday

### THE GENERAL CONCEPT OF A CREDIT bureau has garnered mixed reactions from the public, it has been met with concern, if not fear, for the possible loss of pri-

On the other hand, the financial sector tends to look favorably towards its formation. This is especially true in the recent years, as moves that advocate the burgeoning micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in the country have become more active

Backtracking to the basics, what is a credit bureau in the first place? How does this affect everyone—from the banks to the common consumer?

A credit bureau is an independent organization that compiles information on individuals and corporate entities. It alms to facilitate reporting and sharing of credit information among lenders to minimize nonperforming loans and assets in the industry, to limit fraud and to aid financial institutions in evaluating and rationing credit based on borrowers' abilities to pay.

There are three types of credit bureaus: The basic, full and world class bureau The basic bureau gathers negative information, while the full bureau, both positive and negative

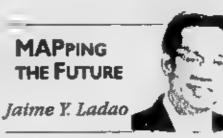
On a completely different level, the world class bureau seeks to bank on an infinitely broad data spectrum, covering even consulting services

A world class bureau collects unbiased and factual records on identity, public and statutory details, credit transactions and

it enables the use of risk management, fraud and loss prevention tools in order to stop identity theft, improve transparency, encourage investment and provide a solid platform for economic growth

The consolidation of data in a single outfit allows for lower credit processing costs, faster turnaround in credit decisions and better rates for consumers due to the competition created among the

The establishment of a credit bureau brings about benefits to various sectors of



Credit bureau: Where do we go from here?

the society, in particular

Consumers and Businesses Along with a strong economy and a stable financial sector, consumers and businesses can have better access to credit because of its increased availability. The existence of a credit bureau also urges individuals and corporate entities to build up their credit reputations and histories.

Financial sector Financial institutions can make accurate risk predictions due to the availability and accessibility to a breadth of credit information. Equipped with the accurate data, banks can lend to broader risk segments and implement tion about consumer (individual) and pricing that reflects individual risks.

Regulatory agencies. More accurate information on the health of the financial sector enables better supervision

Economy A well-regulated and thriving financial sector increases the stability of capital allocation and allows for better credit availability to consumers and businesses, and ultimately, spurring economic

### Principles |

The establishment of a credit bureau, albeit highly advantageous, necessitates the support of several organizations, mainly banking and financial institutions. The success of a credit bureau is highly dependent on the adherence to the fundamental principles

· Principle of Reciprocity—The credit not put into action. bureau members would have access to data only if they provide data

bureau will only collate and present facts, and, not opinions.

 Efficient Dispute Handling—The credit bureau will provide an effective means to handle disputes arising out of data stored and presented by the bureau

 Security Standards—The credit bureau will ensure data confidentiality and secured access to data.

 Customer Data Protection—The credit bureau will have an effective means of managing consent of subjects of credit

### Infrastructure

A credit bureau infrastructure must be highly customizable, and must have the ability to collate data from varied sources such as banks, financial institutions, utility providers, telecom companies and pubhe institutions (i.e. Securities and Exchange Commission, Department of Trade and Industry, Commission on Audit, Courts, etc.) It should have the capability to adopt a presentation format that is both comprehensive and intelligible, and ideally, should consist of the follow-

 Demographic and identity informacommercial (business) entities

Credit information.

Payment history

Security / Collateral & Guarantor in-

Relationship information

Inquiry information

Litigation information

Public records

### Conclusion

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) has long been pushing for the passage of the Credit Bureau Bill, with little progress.

Banks and other industry groups have fally backed up this endeavor, but to date, discussions and talks about the credit bureau remain as is-conversation topics, ideas ... brief strokes of brilliance that are

And as always, we are lagging behind our Asian neighbors such as Thailand, · Principle of Neutrality-The credit Hong Kong and Vietnam. Is it not about time that a move toward real economic growth be given serious attention?

(The author is chair of the MAP Chapters Committee and President of Dun & Bradstreet Philippines Inc. Feedback at mapsec@globenet.com.ph)

compound, as provided by the memoran-

dum of agreement forged in December

2004 between DED, Dedon and Don Bosco.

vide Dedon with skilled weavers that the

company badly needed, while Dedon and

DED provided the funding and technical

The project got off the ground in January

2005, and by June, the center produced its

first graduates -- 257 out-of-school youth

aged 18 to 25, who were proud to call

From June to November last year, anoth

"Dedon took care of their skills training.

At the country's first formal weaving

school, the students go to Dedon for orien-

er 180 students graduated from the school

Don Bosco took care of the values training,

which is important in making them the kind

of workers that they are," Querickiol says

themselves highly skilled weavers

Don Bosco committed to train and pro-



# Dream

because new orders have been pouring in, which proves yet again how furniture made and designed in the Philippines has made its mark in the world market

That all started in 2004, when Dedon could not accept any more export orders because it lacked the necessary manpower to execute the weaves that make Dedon furniture a cut above the rest, thus hampening its ability to meet orders on time.

As destiny would have it, Don Bosco had earlier approached Dedon to ask if the manufacturing firm could accept some of its vocational school students, mostly outof-school youth, for on-the-job training

Dedon accepted, and it was so impressed by the skills and attitude of the Don Bosco students toward work that it ended up hiring many of them after their two-month training, mostly as welders, says Grace Neilly S. Querickiol, values formation program manager of Don Bosco

Dedon CEO Bobby Dekeyser then thought that with the values training and skills of the Don Bosco students, they could be easily trained to learn a new skill-weaving-and solve its human resource problem.

But while Don Bosco was interested in the concept and welcomed the possibility of helping more marginalized youth, it was hesitant to undertake the project not only



Bosco was more into welding, automotive repair and carpentry—but also because it did not know if it was up to the task.

Dedon, on the other hand, was also unsure about investing in the training because it also did not know if the partnership would work out. It did not have that much cash on hand to gamble on the project

It was at this point that the German Development Service (DED) came into the picture through its SCOPE project.

SCOPE consultant Matthias Niggel said the chance of embedding a vocational training center in Dedon's supply chain was too good to pass up.

Playing its role as catalyst, DED invested 500,000 in the construction of a training center for weavers within the Don Bosco



tation and technical skulls training After two weeks, they begin work on marketable furniture pieces that Dedon buys from the students.

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They then go back to Don Bosco for continued values training and, after just four months, they are assured of a job at Dedon or one of its many subcontractors. Challenges inevitably cropped up along

the way, and kinks in the system were ironed out. But the first phase was a resounding success. That the our-of-school youth under Don-

Bosco learned a new and marketable skillwhile Dedon was able to increase production by as much as 3.5 container loads of furniture, are not the only measures of success

More importantly, the project has changed the way the youth think of themselves. For the first time, they are dreaming big.

"The training has changed the lives of these young people," Querickiol says. "Many of them feel good about earning money for themselves. Some of them have even decided to go back to school. They now have a sense of direction and responsibility that they did not have before."

benefits are enough to move the partnership to its next phase, which should see the training of another 300 weavers.

All of these business and psychological

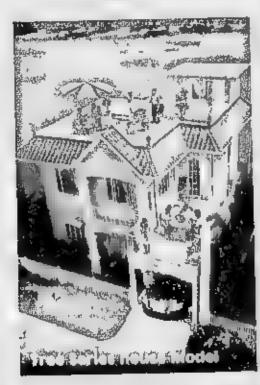
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TELCO CUTS THROUGH CLUTTER

Globe consolidates units under single brand, logo

By Daxim L. Lucas

GERARDO Ablaza Jr., Globe president and chief executive officer

HOW IMPORTANT IS A NEW logo to improving and ensuring the fortunes of a company?

How important is consolidating a company's diverse product line under a single brand name? in the cutthroat world of telecommunications services, image apparently plays a significant role in keeping a company competitive vis-a-vis its rivals, especially when one

more resources and an edge in approach and makes [the commarket share.

New logo

Globe Telecom Inc. recently unveiled its new brand logo called "Globe Life" and merged all its corporate identities under a single "Globe" brand.

Henceforth, all products of the company and its subsidiaries would be marketed to the public using a single name, eliminating a plethora of brands, which company officials said had "created confusion" both internally and exter-

In a briefing, Globe Telecom president and CEO Gerardo C. Ablaza Jr. expressed hopes that the company would experience a "lift" in its market share and earnings due to the rebranding, but stressed that such a benefit would only be a byproduct of the company's main 1 goal

"What we really plan to do is to simplify things for our publics, both inside and out," he

pany] easier to remember."

The company was previously using several brands like GlobeSolutions and Globequest for broadband solutions offered to business users.

While Ablaza was hesitant to admit it, however, it is a tried and tested principle in marketing that having a unified public image increases brand recall, as long as the products offered by the company are broadly within the same business line.

Ablaza described the branding strategy of Globe's various units before as "cluttered" and "difficult to remember" and the country's second-largest telecommunications network had "a proliferation of brands."

"We decided that we would like to have the mission of 'enriching lives through communicarion' manifest specifically as benefits of 'ease and relevance' for our customers," he said. "In the spirit of our mission, we would like our products and services to be easy to under-

is up against a behemoth with said. This simplifies our brand stand, easy to use and hassle-

### 'Globe Life'

According to the company's marketing line, the "Globe Lafe" logo "carries with it a promise to enrich lives through ease and relevance."

"Globe will strive to create and deliver products and services that will greatly benefit customers bringing them closer to their aspirations, and connecting them with the people and events that matter most," the company said in a state

Officials pointed out that the corporate structure of the company and its operating units would remain largely untouched by the rebranding, as only the public face would

"Globe's mission is to transform and enrich lives through communications," the company said. "Internally, this defines how we think, how we work and how we behave. But it would be hollow if this mission remained locked-up in Globe's internal belief system, and did not translate to customer benefit."

The new symbol "is meant to promise endless possibilities," the company said. It illustrates the wealth of products and services that Globe offers to enrich their customers' experience. Each toon in the new logo represents not just the things Globe offers today, but also those that inspire Globe to innovate."

Life" logo is a hand, represent customers "who are at the core said

of everything we do," Globe added.

Company officials also explained that the firm is moving toward a state where its customers would have to "interface" with only a single representative to have his various concerns addressed, even if that company representative would have to coordinate with other units inter

Globe business head Gi. B. Gemo added that "what is new ... is that [the client] will see only one brand across all our products and services, and our refreshed commitment and spirit, driving every individual in Globe, to be more customer-centric than ever."

### Unified approach

Globe Business will now be the carrier brand for the Enter prise Business Group and Small and Med.um Enterprise Group

Globe consumer wireless business group head Ferdinand M. Dela Cruz added that the unified brand also brings with it new products and services.

During the media briefing, Globe unveiled its promise of excellent customer expenence in all touch points across their companies; an OFW family pack, which aims to bring OFWs and their families together by making communication even more affordable and seamless, and the Globe and Yahoo! partnership for browsing made easy via oneSearch exclusive on My-

"The world of telecommuni-At the center of the "Globe" cations, as we know and experience it, continues to evolve, and ing the company's focus on its. Globe along with it," Ablaza

# Sitel Phils produces first graduates of new course

By Vincent Cabreza Inquirer Northern Luson

BAGUIO CITY-AN EXPERImental call center course developed by business outsourcing giant Sitel Philippines has graduated its first batch of students.

The University of the Cordilleras (UC), the first school to test the Sitel-designed course in communications and technology application, honored 68 business management students who officially passed the course during graduation rites last Au-

Sitel is also preparing to be up with the University of Baguio (UB), which has obtained credentials for a specialized call center curriculum it plans to offer this year, the inquire learned.

Dr. Leonarda Agumalde, dean of the UC college of business adnegotiating for partnerships with ment Baguio schools to secure a labor force once it expands

told the Inquire earlier that the firm plans to expand its call center services to include technical or marketing response systems for engineers, lawyers and doctors based overseas.

He said the Sitel course module would be offered as an elective for students, who want first hand training in Sitel working

Aguinalde said partnership atrangement with Sitel is ideal for universines because it opens doors to the \$49-billion global in-

For many universities, call centers offer them the means to increase the employment rate for their graduates, she said.

"We can graduate a [hotel and management) student, but she can look around and realize there are no new hotels or

restaurants being built [to accommodate new employees]. it's a condition ,shared by) the rest of the country," Agumalde sax!

She said UC also benefits from the "added competence" that the Sitel program offers undergraduate and graduate school stu-Apart from the edge offered by

the elective once the same HR student applies at Sitel, the firm's training course expands her vocabulary, "allowing her to match the job seekers who graduated from Ateneo." Agunalde said she offered the

Sitel test course as a free elective by converting the 300-hour internship requirement for business students to 300-hour sessions with Sitel trainors

Agumalde said most university graduates would still treat call centers as a vehicle for shortministration, said Sitel has been term or transitional employ-

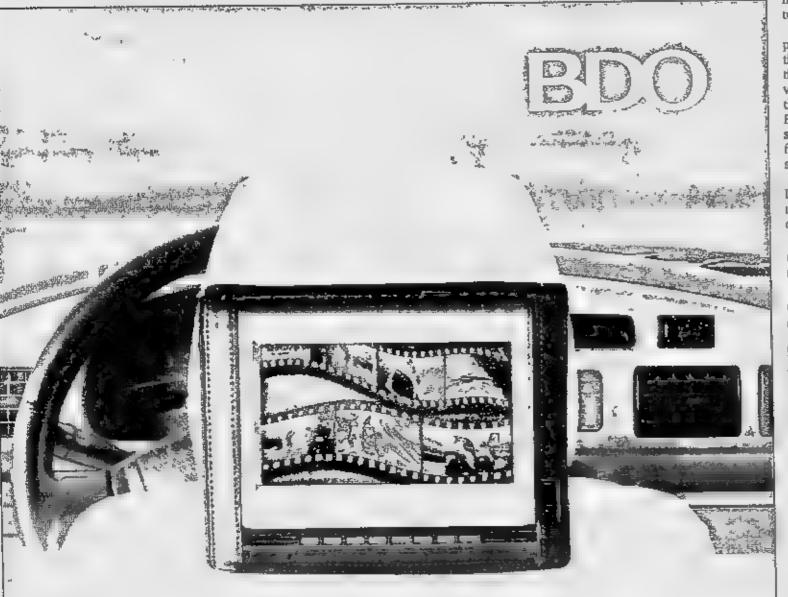
This may explain the poor response to a special UC curricu-Sitel president Danilo Reyes lum on call center technology and communication when the university offered it recently.

"We received the clearance from the Commission on Higher Education [to offer this course], but when we opened, there were no takers," Aguinaide said.

"Perhaps it is not wise to compete with call centers themselves, which also offer free training to job candidates in academies," she said

UB is exploring a full curriculum to train career cul, center professionals, but it will be open to students enrolled in other fields of study, like political science.

"The idea is to offer political science students another way of applying their skills because there are far fewer job offerings for their profession," said a UB instructor who was among those who prepared the curriculum.



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Philex Mining on aggressive exploration mode

By Daxim L. Lucas

INING STOCKS HAVE been hot picks with investors in recent months, both the speculative and senous kind.

Some stocks, in particular, have recorded spectacular price increases, rewarding those who have bet large and small fortunes on firms with little fundamentals to stand on.

One mining issue, however, has remained largely below the radar of investors, despite it having among the strongest fundamentals in the market and the cheapest stock price relative to its actual and potential earnings.

Indeed, despite the growing interest in mining, the share price movement of publicly listed Philex Mining Corp., have yet to attract the attention of a broader set of buyers.

### Second look

In a recent interview, however, Philex chairand CEO Walter W. Brown outlined the direction of one of the country's oldest and largest mining firms that may force investors to take a second look.

Specifically, he laid out a set of projects that would help the company through the expected exhaustion of its existing precious metals reserves by 2014.

"We're fully covered until 2014, but we [also] have a lot of projects down the road," Brown said, explaining that the company's ability to profit from its existing mining operations will depend both on the quality of the remaining ore at its sites and the price of precious metals on the world market.

And with gold prices having hit a 16-month high on the world market, investors are taking a closer look at mining stocks, including Philex, whose share price rose sharply-and quite unexpectedly—on the Philippine Stock Exchange last week.

During the interview, Brown revealed that Philex had already expressed its interest in setting up operations in the gold-rich Mount Diwalwal Mining Reservation.

He said that he had recently made his intentions known to government authorities in charge of developing what is touted as the Philippines' richest gold mine.

### Huge gold reserves

Mount Diwalwal in Compostela Valley is estimated to hold as much as \$18 billion of gold reserves, according to the latest government estimate.

According to Brown, the company is uniquely positioned to develop the area and succeed where other mining firms have failed, despite the fact that the area is a hotbed of unrest, with small miners, indigenous people, local government and the military and rebel units fighting for control of the lucrative gold panning operations.

"We are familiar with all the factors involved," he said. "We have been in the business for many years. We have the local network and we know the LGUs (local government units) and the indigenous people."

As far as rurning Mr. Diwalwal into a profstable mining operation for all stakeholders goes, Brown said that no foreign company can match the experience that Philex has.

### Aggressive program

With the continuing high metal prices, Philex and its gold subsidiary Philex Gold Inc. have embarked on an aggressive nationwide exploration program.

In Benguet, the company has started extensive exploration of the existing orebody and surrounding prospects.

Diamond drilling will be undertaken at the Sto. Tomas II orebody of the existing Padcal mine to possibly extend further the mine life.

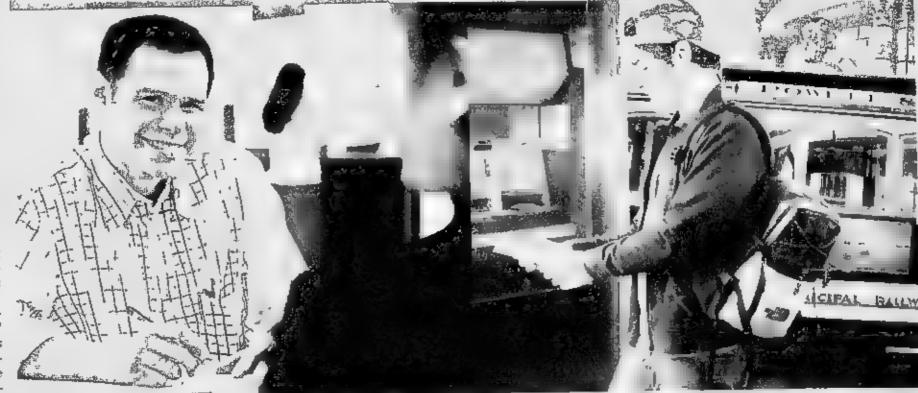
Philex has programmed several known

porphyry copper-gold targets for exploration this year. The Tapaya prospect, 5 km to the southeast of the Padcal mine is currently drilling its sec-

ond hole with some encouraging results. Butan and Midway prospects, two major gold vein systems close to the existing Padcal mune are currently being explored and expected to provide additional ore to the company's existing mine.

### Restarting operations

"Other prospects in Luzon located in the provinces of Batangas, Pangasinan and Zambalez will be explored once the permits are UNDERRATED/ B3-2



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# Former Bulacan governor sustains push for SMEs

By Tonette Orejas Inquirer Central Luzon

CITY OF MALOLOS-THREE TERMS as governor of Bulacan have failed to tire the dreamer and doer in Josefina "Josie"

After completing nine years of public service, thus Ateneo de Manila University management engineering graduate has moved on to the private sector to sustain her advocacy for local economic develop-

Her vehicle is the Bulacan North Pood Exchange (BNFE), a private enterprise where De la Cruz, 49, is the president.

"We want the private sector to give more jobs," De la Cruz said of the venture's goal during her presentation at the recent 2007 public governance forum dubbed "Mahal ko ang Pilipinas" in Pasay

### Governance system

In that event, the BNFE was featured as one of the sectoral organizations that had been initiated into the public governance system, a participatory approach introduced by the International Solidarity in Asia

With ISA's guidance, BNFE has crafted a roadmap to reaching its vision by 2017

The BNFE, she said, "supports the province's vision of a stronger middle class."

"Our commitment is to improve the lives of our people. In Bulacan, our formula is the [BNFE] As an infrastructure, it is a strategic marketing and distribution depot that will modernize the distribution of goods and services in North Luzon. It will also showcase Philippine, Southeast Asian and global products," she said.

BNFE, she added, is also a "concrete application" of the model encouraged by the Foundations for People Development.

That model consolidates programs for people development like packaging centers, cooperative marts, savings and mi-



cro-finance associations and values education programs, FPD president Raul Hernandez said.

In Bulacan's case, De la Cruz said the partnership during her stirrt as governor

had laid the groundwork for the BNFE. The P85-million funding for the depot to be built in 2008 in a 20-hectare area in Balagtas town is shared by the provincial

government and the private sector. The national government, through the Department of Public Works and Highway is constructing a P340-million interchange near the BNPE, also in 2008.

To complement these efforts, the provincial and local governments have retooled the system by eliminating bureaucratic red tape through expanded computerization in real property tax information, geographic information, billing system, assessment operation and promotional programs.

### Fertile ground

Programs like the BNFE find fertile ground in Bulacan because of the province's considerable economic and human resources.

in Bulacan, there are 1,579 registered cooperatives with 191,937 members.

Their total assets amount to P5.299 billion and they have created at least 17,129

Their products and services extend to provincial government-private sector 946,435 consumers or 43 percent of the province's population.

The province has 35,897 small and medium enterprises, making up 33 percent of those registered in the whole of Central Luzon.

Enterprises are considered micro if their capital is less than P3 million; small, up to P15 million; and medium, up to

SMEs in Bulacan contributed P14 billion or 36 percent of the total investments These generated 148,895 jobs or 34

percent of the region's total employment In the league of active exporters are at

least 149 enterprises or 24.15 percent of the region's total SMEs.

Manufacturing textiles and leather nems, furniture, jewelry and gifts and house decors and mostly food products, these enterprises are spread over the province's 22 towns and two cities.

To support micro, cottage and small entrepreneurs, the provincial government opened in September 2005 the Bulacan Packaging and Toll Packing Center. It provides label design, toll packaging,

packaging materials and consultancy ser-This center is at the frondine of "Tatak

Bulakenyo," which is the seal of quality for services and products of the province. Agricultural development has been

support to farmers. Parmers planting high value commercial crops have earned an additional income of P23,000 for every 500 square me-

boosted through P40.4 million worth of

ters, De la Cruz said The provincial government went into investment promotions through outbound missions, trade fairs, bayanihan eqnity assistance marketing program, Pisrang Bulacan sa America and the passage of the Provincial Investments Incentives "Consistent with our belief that our

GOVERNOR Josie cleans up a dramage canal at the Bulacan provincial capitol.

people is our greatest resource, we invested in our young and developed programs to strengthen our families," she said, adding that 174,324 youths have availed themselves of livelihood and employment training while 51,671 others have attended capability-building workshops.

### Backbone

The education and health sectors have undergone significant reforms.

The Project Joint Systems Improvement in Education, for instance, has raised mathematical skills in computation and comprehension from both 39 40 percent in 2000 to 85.99 percent and 75.15 percent, respectively, in 2004-2005

The Alay Paglingap expanded the health insurance coverage to the poorest

of the poor so that they would not be deprived of medical care.

De la Cruz harnesses all these through the BNFE's "cloverleaf strategy."

She said this puts together the packing business sector, trucking management and operation sector, cold storage, sector and who esale market sector. At the center of these is the "extensive

application of information technology." Altogether, these will cater to the retail

network, export import business, human resource management and exhibition cen-She said preparations for the BNFE are

focused now on the strengthening of cooperatives and SMEs. The support of the provincial govern-

ment is not lacking. De la Cruz's younger brother, Joselito

Mendoza, is the current governor.

In her time, she said "the programs were done more by the private sector Saakın, direction, support lang. (I just give direction, support)."



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# Underrated mining giant flexes muscles

granted," Brown said.

In the Visayas, Philex is currently reevaluating the Bulawan gold deposit located in Sipalay, Negros Occidental with a view to reopen the mine's operations. Exploration to find extension of the

deposit is also programmed The mine has produced 465,766 equivalent ounces of gold from 1996 to base of over 25 million tons at 1.9 g/t year.

will be the subject of an aggressive exploration starting this year. Drilling at the Nagtakay prospect, 4 km to the southwest of Bulawan, will start this

A promising porphyry copper-gold target, the Bulog prospect, 5 km southeast of the known Sipalay mine, 2002 and still has a current resource is also expected to be explored this

Meanwhile, Brown said the Boyon-Mineralized and potentially signifi- gan deposit located in Surigao del cant gold resources exist at seven other Norte, a Philex-Anglo American joint

gold prospects close to Bulawan and venture, is now in the prefeasibility

Another joint venture property within the granted permit, the Lascogon Project is a Philex-FEC Resources joint venture also located in Surigao del Norte where exploration of its Carlinlike target is currently being undertak-

### More targets

Two more targets within the Lascogon Project are also scheduled to be evaluated this year

According to Brown, Philex is also currently evaluating several properties in Mundanao.

Specifically, a wholly owned property with an area of approximately 10,000 hectares with an exploration permit application located in Sungao del Sur is scheduled to be evaluated in 2008.

The company placed under care and maintenance its Sibutad Project in Zamboanga del Norte a few years back but will continue to do exploration in the area while maintaining the facilities and its environment.

The company's priorities remain to expand known deposits, to assess the known targets on its properties systematically and where appropriate, continue to investigate and acquire properties of merit," Brown said.

Trading at only five times its priceearnings multiple for 2007 and three times its ratio for next year, the stock is easily the most underrated mining firm on the PSE today.

If the company's ventures succeed, however, it may not stay that way for



# Disturbing tax proposals

By René G. Bañez Contributor

I AM WRITING THIS TO DISTURB our leaders in the executive and regislative branches of government, as well as our leaders in the private sector, because unless we entertain a holistic and out-of-thebox solution to address the continuing budget deficit, we cannot make poverty history and move the country forward at a

### RP's current tax system

The country's current tax system can be characterized in two simple words; Complicated and uncompetitive. It is complicated because it is difficult to comply with and enforce. It is uncompetitive because the tax rates are high compared with other East Asian countries and the tax costs are unpredictable.

If we go back 40 years ago and describe the tax system then, it is simply globa. A global tax system is a tax system where all types of income are combined and subject ed to a single rate or to graduated rates.

In other words, both ordinary moome arising from employment, business and practice of profession, and passive income like interest income from savings and time deposits, capital gains from sale of real property or shares of stock are all reported in one income tax return, and one set of tax rates is applied on the tax base.

At that time, business, commercial and personal transactions and dealings were very simple.

Today, business structures and deal ings have become very complex. Corporate organizations have different layers of shareholdings and engage in different types of business transactions. Like wise, personal individual transactions have become as complex as businesses.

Hence, the difficulty of both reporting on the part of taxpayers and monstoring on the part of tax officers of the vanous types of incomes earned

Because of these difficulties and complexities, the national government through the years, had passed myriad tax laws to capture the new and various types of income, but in the process have changed the tax landscape of the country from being purely global to a mixed global and schedular tax system

A schedular tax system is another tax pacity, then the annual budget of the rev-

come differently, making them subject to different rates and at different tax bases, either at gross or net.

The 20-percent final withholding tax on interest income arising from savings and time deposits is an example of a schedular type of tax. This was introduced to capture the interest income of depositors who are protected by the Bank Secrecy Law.

Single and final tax rates were also introduced on various types of capital gains like sale of shares of stocks and real properties classified as capita, assets. Minimum corporate income tax was also introduced to obligate consistently losing companies to pay a minimum amount of tax.

Ad valorent or specific tax is another area of taxation that has become very controversial because government and the industry players cannot simply agree on an acceptable tax.

Tax laws were not limited to changing tax policies but also tax administration. The creation of the large taxpayer's office as dictated by IMF is one of the most nonceable.

The controx of the filing of tax fraud cases with the courts being transferred from the BIR to DOJ and the Lateral Attrition Law were the latest additions to the tax administration changes.

To date, we have more than 300 tax laws enacted by virtue of Presidential Decrees and Republic Acts. While some of these laws have contributed in improving the processes of reporting and monitoring, which resulted in the increase in revenue collection on certain types of tax, on the whole, it only complicated the tax system and therefore tax compliance and tax enforcement have become more difficult.

### Capacity of the revenue agency

When we look at the capacity of the revenue agency, unavoidably we must exam me its resources and institutional compe-

Historically, if we look at the annual budget of the BIR, it is less than one percent of its revenue collections. This is not commensurate to its gargantuan task of collecting the bulk of total revenue collections.

There were even occasions in the past where the annual fees paid to SGS are much more than the annual budget

If we use thus as a measurement of ca-

system that treats different types of in enue agency is grossly madequate. We will draw the same conclusion if we com pare it with the budget of revenue agencies in the Asian region.

Our complicated tax system has affected the tax processes and consequently impacted on the institutional competency of the tax agency. Because of its inadequate budget and certain limitations attached to it, the agency is unable to get the necessary tools to improve its tax efficiency.

For the same reason, technical training is not also a priority. The regular training that the agency provides is not the type of training that really enhances the technical competencies of revenue officers and improves their effective ness. Because of the salary standardization in government, the agency is not an employer of choice of new graduates.

Thus, the agency is unable to replenish the core competencies of its present workforce. The lack of resources, the declining number of motivated and competent workforce and the absence of accountability measurement system have affected and will continue to affect the institutional capacity of the agency.

approach.

ing technology, growing globalization and

increasing complexity, we will never be

able to ensure a sustainable and continuous

flow of revenue to meet government re-

quirements. Equally important is to consid-

er the behavior of Filipino taxpayers and lo-

How do we reform the tax system? First,

is to identify the principles that will charac-

terize the new tax system. I propose consid-

ering five internationally accepted princi-

ples of good tax policy that have been

adopted by developed economies. The five

principles are simplicity, fairness, enforce-

simple so that taxpayers understand the

rules and can comply with them correctly

1. Simplicity—the tax law should be

2. Fairness—similarly situated taxpayers

Enforceability—the tax law should be

4. Predictability—the tax system should

enable the government to determine how

enforceable and can easily be implement-

ed. A tax law is good only when it is en-

ability, predictability and sustainability.

should be taxed similarly but equitably.

and in a cost-efficient manner.

### Where do we go from here?

Tax income accounts for almost 85 percent of our national revenue and the tax revenue. Of the 20 percent that the has to improve its tax system

The tax system has two facets. Tax ad

Taxation has two phases namely Comcient and effective tax system, a balance of cent of interna, revenue collections come from voluntary compliance, the focus

The simpler the tax system, the easier it

longer period of time

### easier for tax administrators to implement. Conversely, the more compacated it is, the Foundation more difficult it is to comply with and im

These principles should serve as the foundation in redesigning the new tax sys-Addressing the continuing budget deficit tern and rewriting the new tax code. of the country requires a new vision and

Secondly, organize a group from both the public and private sectors to jointly un-Unless we fine tune our tax system to dertake this monumental project. raise revenue in an environment of chang

Addressing this problem requires the involvement and participation of other key stakeholders. The voice and the views of the private sector must be heard and considered because they are the sector that would be mostly affected and covered by the changes.

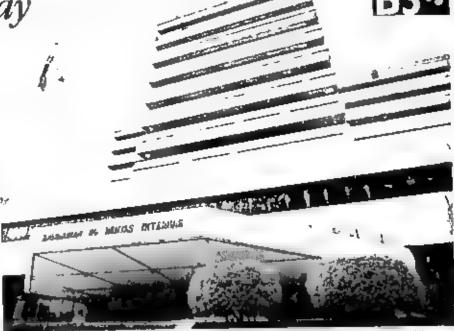
Third, once a new tax code is crafted and developed for legislation, the tax agency should also develop new tax processes, and rues and regulations to make it operational. The success of any legislation is in its implementation and enforcement. Better and improved tax computance will matenalize only if tax requirements, processes

and rules are simple and fair. Finally, remvent the tax agency to provide meaningful organizational support to the changes and improve the delivery of tax services to taxpayers.

We need a new tax agency that is taxpayer-focused. We need to modernize tax administration and possibly make it independent to enable it to make its own deci-

Unless we address the core of the problem, budget surprus will never become a

much tax revenue will be collected and The author is a professor of Taxation and Corporate Governance at the Ateneo Law School and former Commissioner of



THE BUREAU of Internal Revenue is hard pressed to meet its collection target this year.

BIR collects almost 80 percent of this BoeC collects, 60 percent are internal revenue taxes ake VAT If the government wants to improve its revenue, it

ministration and tax policy. Tax administration pertains to the process of collecting taxes and tax policy defines what taxes to collect. The BIR and the BOC are responsible for tax administration and the Department of Finance is responsible for identifying tax policy. Overhauling the tax system means restructuring tax administration and reforming tax

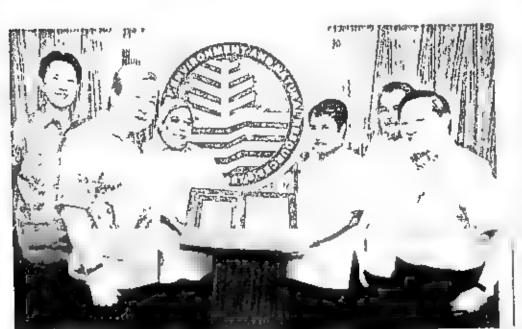
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when they will be collected. 5. Sustainability-the tax system should be capable to collect the desired

revenue for government for a much

Internal Revenue.



RAPU RAPU Processing Inc. (RRPI), a subsidiary of Lafayette Philippines Inc. (LPI), formally presented its ISO 14001:2004 certificate to Environment Secretary Lito Atienza (2nd from left). The certification recognizes the project's environmental management system (EMS) as being at par with international standards. With Atlenza are company officials led by LPI chair and president Carlos G. Dominguez (right).

# Cisco targets new markets

### By Riza T. Olchondra

market sectors such as tourism, real estate and construction

"The tourism industry is an exciting new market for us," C.sco Philippines manager Luichi Robles said, citing a recent study from the Wallace Business Forum as basis for the firm's prospects

The study projects a growth in tourist arrivals of 14 percent a year and over \$1 billion in investments in hotels and resorts for this year

To take advantage of the opportunity, Cisco Philippines will introduce the Cisco Connected Rea. Estate (CCRE) solution for the TREC sectors.

for individuals and companies that create and operate real estate, po-

sitions the "network as the plat- ing power consumption form," a concept that is expected to holder value

"This inteiligent building infrastructure creates an unprecedented opportunity for improved services, enhanced processes, and cost-effective operations," Robles said

Meanwhile, Cisco continues to offer top-of-the-line networking solutions with its Data Center and Unified Communications solu-

The Data Center architecture places more of the workload onto the network through consolidation, virtualization and automation technologies

It also collapses the functions of standatone devices into modules to The CCRE, specifically tailored help customers save on rack space, cab...ng, port consumption and support costs in addition to reduc-

Asia Pacific managing director CISCO PHILIPPINES IS SET TO enable firms to increase revenues, for Data Center Sales Andre Smit put more focus on nontraditional reduce costs and improve share- said Cisco was working on its first Green Data Center project in the Philippines "It may eventually be a showcase

for a secure connectivity that allows rich collaboration between two companies of different geographies, different industries and with different business processes," he

Unified Communications is another focus area for Cisco The system is a suite of voice, data and video products and applications specifica...y designed to help organizations of all sizes to communicate more effectively

It also allows customers to integrate their communication system with their IT infrastructure to make their businesses perform more effectively.



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# Farmers now net surfers

Learning through the Internet now within easy reach

By Army R. Remo

ONE ARE THE DAYS when Filipino farmers went about their work with bare feet, looking scrawny in stained, tattered clothes.

As today's farmer starts to ride on the technology wave, he now tinkers with modern equipment and is slowly acquiring knowledge through the information-rich cyberspace.

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Various farming technologies have al-

ready been made available.

This is evident in some of the 4.8 million farms around the country, covering about 9 7 million hectares of land.

### Internet programs

Farmers can also freely make use of the Department of Agriculture's "Open Academy for Philippine Agriculture."

Then there are the "Mobile Internet Bus," which is used to deliver online services, and "Farmers' Information and Technology Services Centers."

Now, farmers are slowly reaping gains, most notable of which are the educational

Just last month, 17 agricultural extension workers and farmers graduated from the one-and-a-half month online training course on Minus-One-Element Technique (MOET), an easy way to diagnose nutrients deficiency in the soil.

Implemented by the Philippine Rice Research Institute, the online course is a component project of the Open Academy for Philippine Agriculture Program

Opapa is a network of government institutions that provide education, training and communication in agriculture using ICIs.

Unlike the traditional training program, the e-learning project uses both conventional and electronic media such as online modules, forums and chats, instant messaging, and field practicum to teach farm-

The participants, mostly from the Science City of Muñoz and Cabanatuan City, completed the course by attending a series of online courses and discussions, as well as conducting an actual MOET setup

"What they liked most was the interaction with fellow AEWs and online expert," elearning coordinator Ronan G. Zagado said.

### Open academy

The e-learning modules served as learning materials, with guide questions posted on the site for students to answer.

PhilRice said this learning format is expected to enhance real-time online discussions among students coming from different places and an expert-

The online forum allows students to leave questions for the expert to answer at any given time.

Meanwhile, a field activity tracks the application of knowledge gained from the on-

Participants are expected to evaluate the e-learning program-from content to system operations-to improve the e-learning project, which will be offered regularly next year, as part of the PhilRice Training Program.

Aside from MOET, another course, "How to make the Maligaya Rice Hull Stove," is also accessible at www.openacademy.ph.

The Opapa Advisory Council had already recommended that this system should be used as the common e-learning platform not only for rice but also for other crops.

PhilRice Executive Director Leocadio S. Sebastian earlier said that the online course aims to provide a learning option for farmers, cooperatives and other various farmer-groups.

"We understand that [farmers] lack the resources to attend our onsite training programs," Sebastian said. "With this e-learning project, we hope to facilitate learning at a minimal cost, despite geographical dispari-

### Increasing productivity

For its part, the DA has also been making good use of the Internet and modern technology to help increase agricultural productivity and raise farmers' income.

Agriculture Secretary Arthur C. Yap earuer said the DA plans to put up electronic kiosks and create an e-portal system to connect various computer centers, which would be set up around the country.

In these centers, farmers can check market prices of their commodities and seek business partnerships using the Internet.

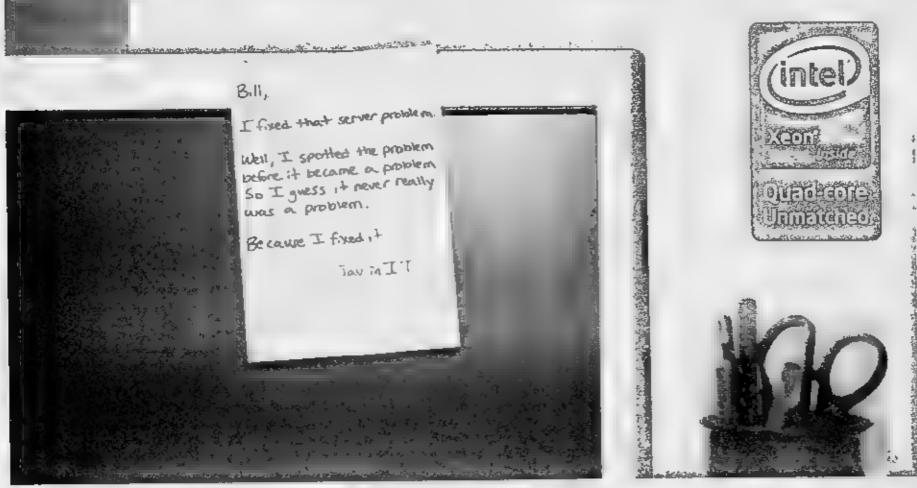
"These klosks should be services driven so that farmers would use them," Yap said. "If a farmer asks, can we get help? Can we talk and reach out to other farmers? Can we reach new markets through this? The answers must be yes." The DA, Microsoft Corp. and the Depart-

ment of Science and Technology met early this year to explore possible collaborations in the hope of replicating the success of China's Information and Communications Technology partnership with Microsoft.

Microsoft is also set to discuss how it can partner with Opapa and other ICT projects for Philippine agriculture "Microsoft can greatly help efforts to

modernize Philippine agriculture by providing computers, licensed Microsoft software and training for computer programmers," Yap said.

Ultimately, the modernization of Philippine agriculture could very well translate to higher incomes for Filipino farmers and better living conditions for their families.





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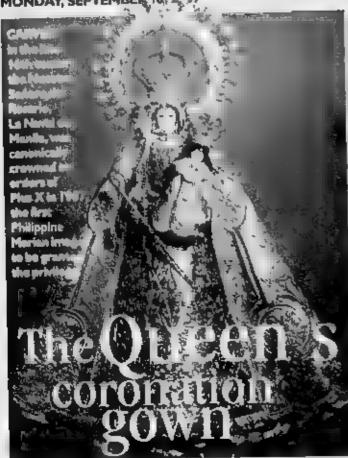
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N OCT. 4, THE PHILIPPINE Church and the entire Dominican family will celebrate the centennial of the canonical coronation of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, La Naval de Manila.

For this once-in-a-lifetime occasion, a very special dress is being made since February and is now on its final stages of embroidery. It will be ready for the commemoration of 100 years of the Pilipinos' love and devotion for the Queen of the Holy

On Oct. 5, 1907, His Holiness Pope Pius X declared the venerated image was a beacon of faith and hope for the Filipino people, and recognized the miraculous cures and favors granted to her devotees.

On that day, a huge crowd gathered in various places at Plaza de Isabel II, Paseo de Magallanes, Plaza de Santo Tomas, Plaza de Santo Domingo, and Intendencia in Intramuros-to witness the canonical coronation. It was the first papally approved coronation of a Marian Icon in the history of the Philippine Church.

For that occasion, the image wore a magnificent gold-embroidered cape with the signature papaya-leaf design and a gilt-silver plancha (frontal) which is still in use to-

The robes, offerings from el pueblo filipino, were locally crafted using flat metalhe and builton threads from Europe.

In an atelier in the metropolis is an elaborately designed and respiendently crafted dress being given the final touches by a team of 10 sewers and needlepoint work-

After almost seven months of intense and intricate needlework under the supervision of the bordadera, Nena Bernales, interweaving vines, paim fronds, and garlands of roses have come to life

The original design by Arthur Munar left virtually no empty space on the basic lame. To distinguish one floral figure from the other elements of the design, Bernales used a mix of metallic and genume Indian gold fruod threads (because of its worm-like appearance)

Millimeter by millimeter, thread by thread, the dress is being fashioned to perfection

The exquisite apparel is a gift to Our Lady of La Naval by the family of Eddie Chua. Through the years, many benefactors and Marian devotees have offered gifts to Our Lady in the form of heir.com jewelry or gala dresses, as tokens of gratitude.

Some gifts easily come to mind, such as the Carrascoso dress, also known as the numero dos, which was worn in the 1950s and

THE QUEEN'S/ C2



THE VIRGIN'S blouse and sleeves designed by Arthur Munar and executed to perfection



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### LIFESTYLE

PRIDE OF PLACE
Augusto Villalon

# Escape city blues at Montecito and Hacienda Escudero

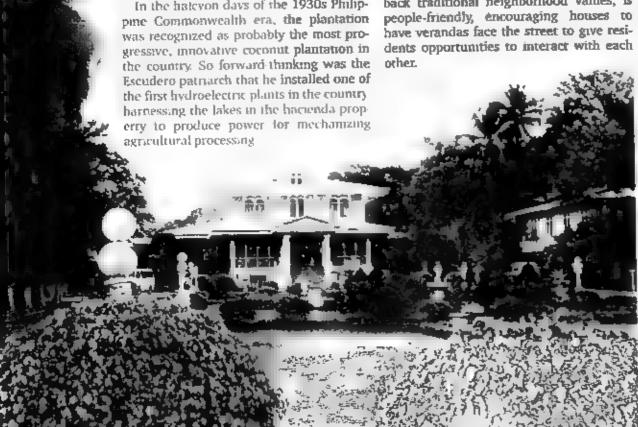
WO UPSCALE DEVELOPMENTS TO watch are Hacienda Escudero near San Pablo City in Quezon, and Mon-Two new tecito in Canlubang, Laguna, both outstanding but each demonstrating a different approach to offering quiet getaways developments from city life. Hacienda Escudero offers the reassuring highlight

comfort of Filipino tradition.

Covering the area around Villa Escudero, the venerable tourist destination that successfully proneered the concept of an all-Filipino resort, the mixed-use development retains the all-Filipino flavor that has made the Escudero resort so popular

The Escudero family and Landco Pacific are jointly developing 415 hectares of plantation land into a residential resort community that takes its cues from the resort's

down-home Pinoy charm In the hateyon days of the 1930s Philippine Commonwealth era, the plantation was recognized as probably the most progressive, innovative coconut plantation in the country. So forward thinking was the Escudero patriarch that he installed one of the first hydroelectric plants in the country harnessing the lakes in the bactenda properry to produce power for mechanizing agracultural processing



Villa Escudero, a plantation house in the 1930s Philippine Commonwealth-era style, is the centerpiece of the new Hacienda Escudero development in Quezon province.

The modern development takes its identity from the Escudero family vision and their legacy.

When completed, Hacienda Escudero will have hotels, spas, medical facilities, shopping and restaurant facilities, and leisure facilities that include a golf course, water park and botanical gardens winding throughout the development

Completely 21st century Filipino in attitude, new houses are to be designed in Modern-Filipino style, contemporary architecture based on surviving plantation houses from the 1930s Commonwealth era that are typical to the San Pablo area.

Together with Monterrazas de Cebu, another Landco development, Hacienda Escudero is one of the few new developments that champions Modern Filipino architec-

Hacienda Escudero, designed to bring back traditional neighborhood values, is



AT MONTECITO in Cardubang, Laguna, the central attraction is a series of large bodies of water that arrigate the development's landscaping and keep temperature at cool level.

Walking is another way to get neighbors together Parks and forests ring clusters of houses, all linked by pedestrian walkways.

Getting around by water is another feature. Choice Hacienda Escudero properties either have their own access to the freshwater lakes or open up to specially built waterways, allowing construction of moorings within lakeside lots for privately owned

### Laguna sanctuary

An abundance of water and limitless greenery is the first impression at Montecito, an upscale sanctuary slightly over an hour's drive from Manda.

A portion of the vast Canlubang Sugar Estate has been turned into a development of generously sized lots surrounded by luxurious greenways, roads, lakes and recreational areas that create not only a strong feel of peace and serenity but also provide a powerful connection to nature

The environment at Montecito is definitely green. Nature is so important that approximately 50 percent of its area has been given over to communal open space

A spring originating in Tagaytay Ridge, called Matang Tubig (Eye of the Water), runs through the property, supplying water for residents, landscape irrigation and powering a mini hydroelectric plant which gen erates electricity to light up the streets until ultimately feeding into a large, fish-stocked lake in the property.

Residents are offered the opportunity to recharge from the pressures of city life in a tightly guarded, secure environment with unpollured air and an intimate, landscaped

From the height of its rolling hills, the Montecito perspective stretches past a panorama of its designer landscapes to include the vistas of Mt. Maxiling, Tagaytay Ridge and Laguna de Bay.

Intimacy among neighbors is achieved by the low-density development, where a total area of 60 ha accommodates only 250 houses, offering residents rare access to. space beyond the boundaries of their prop-

Majority of Montecito lots are designed with a border of open space on all sides. No houses are ever adjacent to each other Grass courtyards, greenways, and "open. salas" effectively buffer houses from each other and provide a bonus of shared public areas for neighbors.

Model houses, designed around a series of courtyards that allow indoor and out door spaces to integrate, are surrounded by manicured lawns, banks of flowering plants, and lush fruit-bearing trees all grown in Montecito's on site private plant and tree nursery.

Montecito is the place for its residents to recharge themselves

Whether it is high-end excusivity at Montecito or the comforting familiarity of Pinoy traditions at Hacienda Escudero, lifestyle choices are increasing for those seeking refuge from the stresses of city life.

Visit www.haciendaescudero.com and www.montecito.com.ph

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# Jun Alfon mounts homecoming show in Davao

for his exotic and colorful depiction of Mindanao tribes, comes back to his roots, Davao, to mount a homecoming one-man show, his 20th, "Mystical and Magical Mindanao IV. '

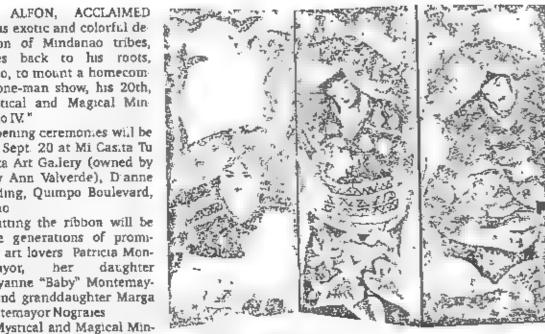
Opening ceremonies will be held Sept. 20 at Mi Casita Tu Casita Art Gallery (owned by Mary Ann Valverde), D'anne Building, Quimpo Boulevard, Davao

Cutting the ribbon will be three generations of prominent art lovers Patricia Monher daughter temayor, Maryanne "Baby" Montemayor, and granddaughter Marga Montemayor Nograies

"Mystical and Magical Mindanao IV" w...l feature a collec tion of richly portrayed syrical paintings of the tribal people of the South

This collection eloquently combines imagination and interpretation as it captures the mystical soul of southern tribes such as the Tibolis, Bagobos, Higawnons, and Maranaos,

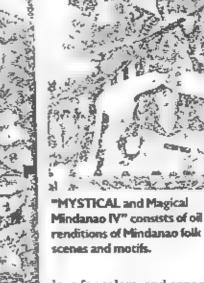
"Although they are almost lus subjects live forgotten, they are as important as we are," says Alfon "I teristically others may know they are nous people's mner strength,

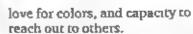


breathing, walking ings—albeit generally known-with whom we coexist. Their warmth and naturalness move me every time I am among them."

After three successive sell out exhibits in Manila, Alfon decided to bring "Mystical and Magical Mindanao IV" to the place where he grew up and

In this exhibit, Alfon characdemonstrates capture them on canvas so that depth in capturing the indige-





Alfon has been featured in art books such as Encyclopedia of Philippine Art by Marlene Aguilar; "20th-Century Contemporary Art," and "Gallery of the Philippines" by Dick Va-

To keep the theme for postenty, his paintings will be captured in prose and photographs in a book written by four-time Palanca awardee Grace Dacanay-Chong. It will be launched before the year



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# Artist's talk-performance at St. Scholastica

THE LOPEZ MEMORIAL MU-themselves, people who have seum and the University of the Philippines' College of Mass Communications (UP CMC) present the third "Obra Maestra Mamera" series, featuring performance artist Yason Banal Sept. 15, 2 p.m., at Sr. Caridad Barrion Hall, St. Scholastica's Coilege in Manila.

His talk, subtitled "An Experimental Lecture Probing Ronald McDonald, Metrosexuality and the Museum," is a mix of artist slide show, lecture and performance.

Banal's works have explored the idea of icons-how they are created, how they aspire and survive. The artist himself said, "Ceasing to be

become icons eventually become concepts, the ideas fueled by a life of its own, particularly visual culture." What these concepts are

tacksed in this talk cum per formance The lecture complements the ongoing exhibition at the Lopez Museum, "Dime a Dozen," which runs until

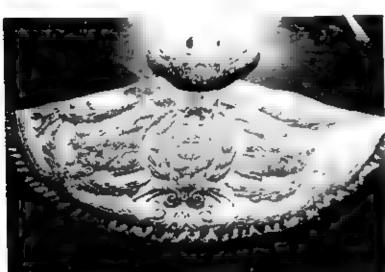
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Sept. 22. Free entrance but reservations required since seating is hmited. For more informa tion, contact Fanny at 6312417 or visit www.lopez museum.org.ph

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A pink-and blue dress, given by the family of Dr. Rolando and Nancy Mendoza, is usually worn by the Virgin in May.

A complete ensemble using gold thread for the blouse and skirt was given by Dr. Joey and Chary Sollano in 1993

For Bernales and her family, the opportunity to sew the Virgin's dress for such an important occasion as the centennial

of the canonical compation is not just an honor and a privilege, but truly the fulfillment of a lifetime dream. As a teenage girl, she chose to stay indoors doing her delicate gantsilyo edgings for her mother's pillowcases, half-hoping that one day she, too, would have the chance to offer something beautiful to the Virgen de La Naval.

For details of the activities to mark the Centennial of the Canonical Coronation of La Naval next month, call Santo Domingo Church at 7126271-72. Donations are still being accepted.

### **IFESTYLE**

### VISUAL ARTS

### Francisco at Philamlife

Carlos "Totong" Francisco II presents his 7th solo exhibit, "Mind's Eye: Festa Moods," Sept. 14-28 in PhilamLife Bunding, UN Avenue, Manila. The exhibit will showcase 25 paintings on a number of themes with variable sizes mostly done in acrylic on canvas. Call. 5216300.

### 3 artists at Crucible

The Crucible Gallery (4/F, Bldg A, SM Megamail, Mandaluyong City) presents a three-man show "Public Scene." Sept. 11-17, featuring the works of LJ Abiola. Jepoy Soriano and Nile Pobadora. The artists will stress in their works the appreciation of communa: iving, Call 6356061

### Maia and Bautista at Ayala

Spaces," a co laborative exhibit of Maia and Aaron Bautista, runs on Sept. 13-27 In ArtistSpace (2/F, Glass Wing, Ayala Museum, Greenbe t Park, Makati). The show tocuses on

the vibrant pas-



"BLEND," by Aaron Bautista

sages of colors and ilnes that burst out of the carvas

Dance," by Maia

surface. Forms are easily perceived and spaces are daringly manipulated Cali 7577117 to 21 local 31

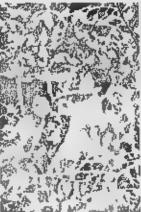
### Tanay artists at MOA

Tanay-based artists will axhibit their works in Artes Orientes Gailery (2/F, Entertainment Center North Wing Bldg., SM Mall of Asia) Dubbed "Sa Paligid Nation" features realistic renderings of breathtaking

landscapes, orchid gardens, still ifes and the artists' fam lar surroundings. Participating artists include Howard Jap, Leo Manasas, Band, Bati, Manny Singuenco and Conrado Bonifacio Cali 09175230877 or 5560590 The exhibit runs until Sept. 15.

### Cobangbang at Mag:net

Lena Cobangbang's new works will be on display at Maginet Gallery (Ageor Bldg., 335 Katipunan Ave , QC) Sept. 11-25. In "All This Liseless Beauty," the oblects are stances of derittied odjects, making them more appailing at the same time ruined by disruption of de-



"SARAP Mamitas," by Howard jao

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### Dolls at Museo Pambata

The Nitano Pantio-Cruz Doll Collection is now on display at the Children in the Global VI lage. section of Museo Pambata (Roxas Boulevard and South Drive, Manua). Donated by Dr. Cecike Gogungee Cruz's family, the collection showcases over 100 dolls of different nations. as we las brass and cast-iron miniatures. Cal-5231797

### Pacquing at Finale

Inspired by the superhero drawings of his son-who, at six years old, is oddly aware of how to physicalize extraordinary strength on a page—Bernardo Pacquing comes up with a suite of works of real people who orbit his life, transfiguring and abstracting them to high ight "the extraord nary things they do " Dubbed s mply as "People! Know" on view at the Finale Art File (4/F, LaO Center, Pasay Road and Makati Avenue, Makati), the exhibit mythologizes his subjects as superheroes of their own, towering presences who project an aura of invulnerability. On view until Sept. 26. Cail. B132310 or visit www finaleartfile.com.

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### Pilita and Martin Bring Back Timeless Classics at the SM Mall of Asia

From September 7-16, the SM Mall of Asia turns back the hands of time as it stages Timeless Classics Festival, a fitting tribute to grandparents as they celebrate their special day.

Timeless Claesics Festival highlights include a special concert from the ageless Asia's Queen of Songs, entitled "Pilitia In Concert" on September 15, 7PM at the Main Mall Atrium

Pilita Corrales graces the SM Mail of Asia stage for the first time with her repertoire of Spanish, English and Filipino love songs that will surely evoke romantic memories from the mature.

Joining Pilita is The Wing Duo, Angle Yolngco and Nikki Ross, known for their dance and comic routines that have spiced up their successful shows both here and abroad.

On September 16, it's the turn of the country's top balladeer and concert king to take shoppers down memory lane as he launches his latest album, "Milestones." Marking his 25th year

in the music industry, Martin will perform selected songs from "Milestones" in a free concert at 5PM at the Main Mali Atrium.

Shoppers will be serenaded with pieces from a collection of the best banada spanning 25 years of Martin's romance reportaire "Milestones" by EM Phils, brings back the hits of Sarry Manifow's "Somewhere Down The Road," Jose Mari Chan's "Beautiful Girl," Ella Mae Salson's "Till My Heartaches End," Aiza Seguerra's "Pagdating Ng Panahon," Jimmy Bondoc's "Let Me Be The One" and more of the songs you want to hear all over again. Martin's album tour caps the mall's biggest sate, the "Big, Big Saje of Asia."

There will be several other exciting events such as the Hotwheels Fashion Launch, presenting the hottest gear in town from the world's coclest company on September 14-16 at the Music Hall,

The SM Mail of Asia's Timeless Classic Festival is truly a grand treat for the young and old.

# LIFESTYLE

# Sotheby's auction set for Sept. 16



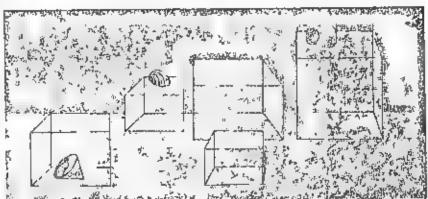
"FRUIT Harvest" by Antta Magsaysay-Ho

TWENTY-SIX ARTWORKS FROM 13 artists mark the Philippine participation in the forthcoming Sotheby's auction of Modern and Contemporary Southeast Asian Paintings. It is slated for Sept. 16, at the Main Baliroom of Regent of Singapore at 1 Cuscaden Road.

This auction is a much awaited auction with Sotheby's offering 176 lots from the masters of Southeast Asia and top contemporary artists. For this auction, there are three Amorsolos, two paintings by Anita Magsaysay Ho, one Manansala, three works from Arturo Luz, a Cesar Legaspi and a Pacita Abad

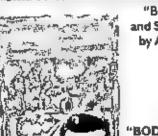
From the contemporary artists, there are two works by Ronald Ventura, two by Marcel Antonio, one by Nona Garcia, two by Winner Jumalon, one by EL Cordova and one by Eufemio Rasco IV.

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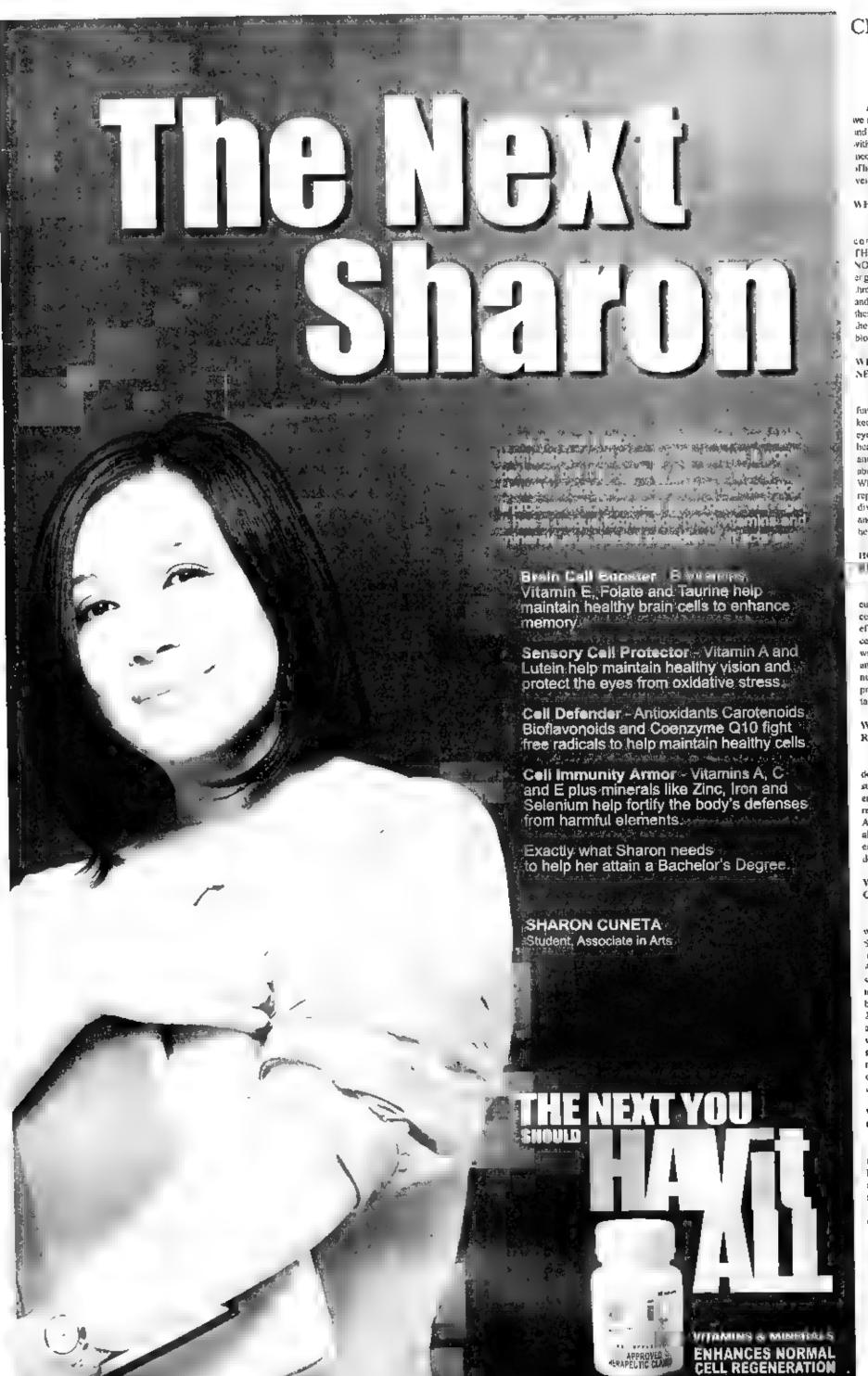
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Cell regeneration is a daily process by which cells continuously REPLACE AND RESTORE THEMSELVES TO MAINTAIN THE BODY'S NORMAL FUNCTION. The his man body is a ween gincered machine designed to been and repair is elf-through cells that are obte to continuously multiply thrive and adapt by a process called cell tomover. Examples of these community proutering cells are those found in the skin, the liming of the intestines, bone intrinaily and blood.

### WHY IS NORMAL CELL REGENERATION NEEDED?

Normal cell regeneration is necessary for the body to function optimally. It is a natural process responsible for keeping our mind sharp, bones and aniseles strong, our eyesight keen, our digestion running smoothly our skin beauty and generally maintain in agour youthful, healthy and vibrant looks. Cells demonstrate their wonderful ability to adapt when injuries are sustained by the body. White commonship prof ferating eels never cease to replicate themse was, others that have a slower rate of division like those fatana in the kidney and liver react and multiply faster when an injury occurs to baster the beating process.

### HOW DOES AGE AFFECT CELL UNIVERSIMILIES

With age, and other factors like nutritions, gaps and cumulative exposure to hamiful environmental elements, cell regeneration gets disrupted. The cells become less efficient in repairing and duplicating homselves. This cellular change eventually manifests in the skin becoming wrinkled and less clastic, the eyes declining in function and even the digestive tract becoming tess able to absorb numerits. These are just some of the reasons why preserving the regenerative powers of our body cells takes on paramount importance.

### WHAT DISRUPTS NORMAL CELL REGENERATION?

While cell regeneration occurs dady, it is keenly dependent on proper nutration and rest. Hence, too much stress, madequate sleep, a deficient diet exposure to other environmental factors tend to interrupt the normal cell regeneration process. Aging also adds to the problem. As we mature, we somehow fail to optimally assumdated the nutrients our body needs from the food that we eat, creating a significant nutritional gap and slowing down the process of cell renews.

### WHAT SHOULD LOO TO ENHANCE NORMAL CELL REGENERATION?

The good news about normal cell regeneration is that we can influence factors that cause its stendy decime start developing healthy lifestyle habits now like engaging a regular physical activity and getting enough sleep. Avoid smoking and excessive drinking. Steer clear of stress or find a way to handly it well. It is also important to take a daily supplement. A nationwide survey conflicted by the DOST Food and Nutrition Research Institute in 2003, showed that many essential nutrients are not adequately met by the F lip no diet. And while eating well-balanced means may be a step in the right direction, sometimes we fall to assum take at the vitamins and in neight we need from the food that we eat as we grow older. Supplements increfore offer as a practical approach to assure proper nutrition for optimism cell regeneration.

### WHAT'S A GOOD SUPPLEMENT TO ENHANCE CELL REGENERATION?

A good nutritional supplement for cell regeneration is one that packs a good bulance of all the essential building blocks for renewal. Autoxidant Vication C fights free radicals that comage cells and stimulates collagen synthesis. Other autioxidants that help protect cells are Vitamins A and E and Lycopene. Zinc heips in blood clotting and wound bealing, and boosts our immune system, while Folic Acid plays a key role at cell division and growth. Vitamin D on the other band, helps regulate the growth of cells. Vitamin A and Lutein promote healthy eye cells. The & Vitamins provide energy for all these processes to occur. Other nutrients that support cell regeneration are Taur no, Tyrosine and Cholino for enhancement of brain performance. HAV AAUL has at-39 yearness and minerals plus natural ingredients to help enhance the norms, oct, regeneration process

Now we a know we rehardly annual to thary not areas, but CELL RECFNERATION is our body's insurance policy against the potential damages created by our own tilestyle choices and the world we are in Remember that although aging is inevitable, it can either be accelerated or showed down by adopting a healthy desiyle and ensuring a proper nutrition complemented by the right supplement

# **CLAUDE TAYAG**

# The coming together of palate and palette





"TOBACCO Stall, Lake Sebu"

By Karta P. Delgado Contributor

TBOLI WOMAN MAKES EYE contact, content with having bought A some of the best-selling suman at Lake Sebu Market. The painter has captured her happy eyes and the coolness of the shadows in her native hat.

A smiling lady in a colorful T'boli headscarf stretches her arm, palm open, waiting for her purchase of tobacco leaves. In another corner of the lake, a man wades into a kangkongan to harvest fistfuls of the gangly leafy green. The waters reflect the sky, ltly pods face up.

These are the scenes of Philippine life recorded by artist Claude Tayag, who has brought together his passion for painting, eating and traveling in "Palate/Palette: A Watercolor Travelogue" at the Alliance Française de Manille.

For most of the food trips (pun intended), Claude had his wife, Mary Ann Quioc-Tayag, as has traveling companion.

Claude admits to falling in love with Mary Ann the first time he cooked for her. He made Hainanese chicken rice. "She devouced it with lots of chili and gusto," he recalls. "This is one hot lady who can eat, I thought."

The couple has made it a lifelong mission to eat their way across the Philippines, so to speak. Even Marawi makes an appearance in the exhibit, with the artist zeroing in on such delicacies as the deep-fried sweets and the bakas fish which distinguish the Marawi City Market.



"KANGKONGAN, Lake Sebu'



"AMBULANT Vendor, Hanoi"

The couple has gone beyond Phinp pine shores in a quest for life-enhancing gastronomic experiences. Hanoi was one such stop. Claude was so taken by the noodles, he immortalized them using his palette.

One painting of a bowl of pho bo noodle soup with lime wedges on the side elicits the same sahva in the-back-of-thegums response as the thought of green mango and bagoong One can almost taste the broth with a splash of lime adding to the pleasure.

"Palate/Palette" runs until Sept. 28 at Albance Française de Mamille, 209 Nicanor Garcia St. (formerly Reposo Street), Bel Air 2, Makatı City. Call 895-7585.

Karla P Deigado is the author of "Philippine Markets," published by Centro Escolar University and photographed by Neal

# Seb Chua's intimate sculptures

into a passion for sculpture and painting. him and his partner to open ArtAsia at SM Last month, he unveiled his first solo exhib- Megamall a few years ago it titled "Fractal Visions," at the ArtAsia Gallery in the Art Walk of SM Megamall. His exhibit runs until Sept 15.

With an extensive background in product research and design, the idea of exploring forms, both hidden and manifest, was a constant source of stimulus for Chua. As a Xavier University of Sto. Tomas and Columbia College in Vancouver, Canada, he was attracted to the modern, abstract style with its emphasis on form and negative space.

As a budding sculptor, he had set his mind on experimenting with bronze, marble and brass as mediums, and later casting his fig-

AVID.ART COLLECTOR AND SUCCESSFUL ures. In business, the dearth of professional "MOTHE businessman, Seb Chua has become an sculptors in the art scene, and the lack of and artist himself, turning an erstwhile hobby space for showcasing their work prompted Claid"

> Upon the prodding of his friends, he joined the Annual Competition of the Art Association of the Philippines where he submitted his sculpture, "Solitude," which won the judges' nod for honorable mention.

For his first solo show, Chua has lined up a total of 18 medium-size sculptures, majority school alumnus who pursued studies at the of which explore the human figure, in his signature synthesized bronze medium and marble casting. The wide variety of colors-pristine white, green, and polished brass plates-shows Chua's endless exploration of medium. The imagery yields a wealth of the artist's multi-faceted examination into the internal states of the human condition.



Using a professedly modernist angle, particularly cubist in influence, and geometric in rendering, the artist shows his partial ity to the angular form, emphasizing the inner strength of the figure while at the same time showing suppleness and grace in the posture delineated. While highlighting the quiet and restrained states of repose, as in "Soulmates" and "Contemplation," he eschews the trite and trivial theatries and instead opens up a multiplicity of meanings and the wealth of perspectives that can be

deduced in these figures. The size of Chua's sculptures radiates a feeling of intimacy between viewer and object, as these works are meant for closer

scrutiny. The distinctive casting applied by the artist in retaining the grainy textures of his work speaks highly of his lofty sense of artistry and his emphasis on exploring all possibilines with his mediums.

Chua has another body of work in acrylic, all rendered in the style of abstract expressionism. These paintings are stunning in their application of color and palette, revealing the untamed, if unpredictable, side of the artist whose journey won't be complete without taking personal risks with his choice of concept and im-

agery. Using colors that can indeed be chaotto-reds, greens and yellows-and brushwork that is brisk, bold and brazen in application. Chua is proving to all and sundry that he is himself a work in progress.

# Balisi's edifice complex

By Jessica Jalandoni-Robillos Contributor

T FIRST GLANCE, THE OILon-canvas "A Little Pat on the Shoulder" may bring to mind Japanese sararimen (salary men) commuting to work on speed trains. The worker drones and painting's image are almost identical not only in their dark suits but also in their hurried strides.

Upon closer inspection, however, the men in the painting by Allan Jay Balisi appear to be wearing winter coats with vests and mufflers that have an old-fashioned European Eastbloc air about them. They are seated closely together as if on a crowded

From the glass windows behind them, a row of buildings peep out from between their shoulders. Only their chins are visible as the rest of their faces are cropped off the upper edge of the canvas.

Though the title may jive with the Japanese-inspired vignette of an interpretation, the piece is only one in a collection that is accompanied by "A Song on the End of the World," a po-

em by Nobel laureate Czeslaw Milosz. On the day the world ends/ A bee circles a clover,/ A fisherman mends a glummering net./ Happy porpoises jump in the sea,/ By the rainspout young sparrows are playing/ And the snake is gold-skinned as it should always be.//



"BEST Days"

On the day the world ends/ Women walk through the fields under their umbrellas. A drunkard grows sleepy at the edge of a lawn. / Vegetable peddlers shout in the street/ And a yellow-sailed boat comes nearer the island,/ The voice of a violin lasts in the air/ And leads into a starry night.//

And those who expected lightning and thunder/ Are disappointed. And those who expected signs and archangels' trumpets/ Do not believe it is happening now./ As long as the sun and the moon are above. As long as the



"OUT of the House and Into the World

bumblebee visits a rose, As long as rosy infants are born. No one believes it is

"CONTEMPLATION"

happening now.// Only a white-haired old man, who would be a prophet/ Yet is not a prophet, for he's much too busy,/ Repeats while he binds his tomatoes: No other end of the world will there be,/ No other end of the world will there be

### Renditions of structures

The body of works titled "Neighborhood" features mostly old buildings or portions of them. It is exhibited in Blanc at Crown Tower in Makati's Salcedo Village.

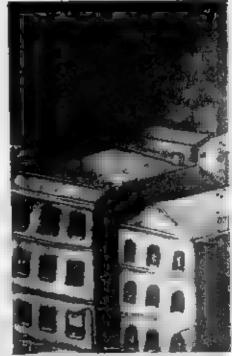
In fact, only the piece has detailed figures. The rest are renditions of various structures seen in half light, elther at dusk or at dawn Some of them seem abandoned, hollow in appear-

"Best Days" and "Homesick" show edifices whose windows look like holes on the concrete walls remanscent of those in biblical cities where houses were smoothened limestone whose entrances were simple arched openings

Here, Balisi uses his own trick of light, as he renders brightness that is restricted within, glowing only around the frameless windows and doors, but not emanating from them.

### Empty but flooded

The irony stands thus: The buildings are empty yet they are flooded with light inside. Ironic, too, but at the



"HOMESICK"

same time possibly apt, is the poem's reference to animals, active people; foliage and nature, when none of them is present in the artworks.

It is possible that the artist has ejther taken Milosz's writing hterally, meaning "the end of the world" has brought about the absence of living beings and consequently results in empty streets and houses (or, for that matter, the empty bridge in "Sweet Waters"); or he has taken on the task of condemning the Holocaust, which the Polish writer himself had witnessed and railed against in his Nobel lecture, urging that it not simply be forgotten.

Also in that lecture, Milosz said.

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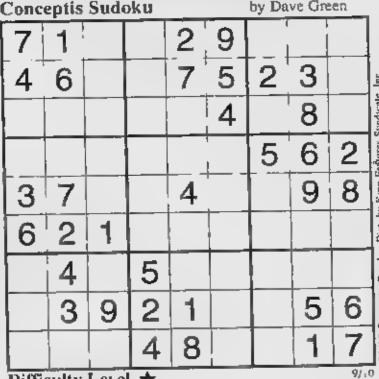


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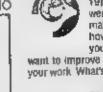






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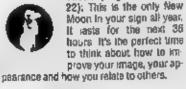
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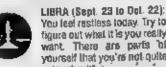
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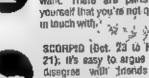


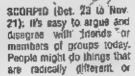
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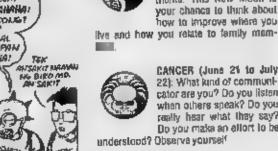
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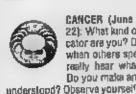
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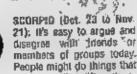
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# Quality feeds: Essential for healthy livestock, prevention of disease outbreak

By Joel V. Nigos

Ensuring a healthy livestock is easential to every poultry or livestock

Since a sizable investment is required for the production of healthy livestock, all care must be taken-from the food they eat, the water they drink, to the vitamins, feed additives, even the antibiotics administered to them.

Animal feed ingredients and raw materials should be tested and monitored regularly. It is of utmost Importance that every producer knows the crude protein, fat, fiber, moisture, ash, vitamins and minerals of animal feeds since adulterated feed ingredients can cause sudden drops in the production of livestock, resulting in losses amounting to millions of pesos.

Water is also vital for livestock development. Water may be contaminated with e-coll or affatoxin, the common microorganisms of bacteria present in the vital liquid. With contaminated water, even high quality feeds and medication become useless

Water coming from deep wells are generally safe. Storing water safely, however, poses a more daunting challenge. Contaminants may be present in the container, or In the pipes where the water runs through. Thus, there's the need to monitor the water-from source to storage-regularly.

Livestock, especially poultry products such as chickens and their eggs, are as vulnerable-If not more—to contaminated water Water contamination can altogether decimate a poultry stock, or cost the producer a fortune in medicines and antibiotics

president of the National Federation of Egg Producers of the Philippines Inc (NFEPPI) and the United Association Raisera (UBRA), it would be far better to invest and to be keen on meeting these requirements than to engage



Gregorio San Pedro Jr., president of both the National Federation of Egg Producers of the Philippines inc. (NFEPPI) and the United Broller Reisers' Association (UBRA), shares the importance of using high quality feeds to ensure a healthy livestock

in damage control. It would even be far cheaper to ensure that you have a healthy livestock than to buy medicines or antibiotics when tion. poultry get intected.

"It's either we put the right investment or we lose all our investments," he says.

### Philippine Egg Board

The NFEPP, more commonly known as the Philippine Egg Board, was founded in 1998. Established to save and protect the industry during financial crises, it is the first organization of egg producers. It has accredited chapters all over the country and accounts for 22 million active layers, which in Shares Gregorio San Pedro Jr, turn produce more than 75 percent of all ego production nationwide

UBRA, on the other hand, is composed of small- and mediumsize poultry producers. Established in 2000, the organization was formed primarily to safeguard the industry, remove the cutthroat



Ellas Jose M. Inclong, UBRA external vice president, says that they are often consulted by agencies government representatives of their sector with regard to problems and the livestock directions

competition among member-producers, network among members, and share technology and informa-

Elias Jose M. Indiong, external vice president of UBRA, adds that the organization had already made some headway since its founding. They have often been consulted by government agencies as representatives of their sector with regard to problems and directions in the livestock indus-

San Diego reiterates that it is important that livestock are fed with only good quality feeds and the water that they using are free from any contaminants.

### Modern-testing facility

Helping them do the job is a modern testing facility accredited by the Bureau of Animal Industry, an attached agency of the Department of Agriculture

Qualibet Testing Services Inc. founded by Pinky Tobiano, offers

Pinky Tobiano, president and CEO of Qualibet Testing Services Inc., says that in raising fivestock, utmost care should be taken by all stakeholdera

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proximate analyses for feeds, aflatoxin, vitamin and antibiotic analyses, stability studies at three accelerated temperatures, microbiological and water analyses for farms.

Tobiano is a cancer survivor who has made it her personal advocacy to ensure food safety for all and not just for a privileged few. She's a BS Chemistry graduate of the University of Santo Tomas. From 2000 to 2003, she took the "Owners President Management Course" at Harvard Business School. This prepared her to establish Qualibet almost a year ago.

The BAI has the sole responsibility of ensuring the consuming public that the poultry and livestock that are available in the market are safe and antibiotic-free.

"BAI has been very strict and uses international standards in testing feed ingredients (soybean meal, fish meal, wheat corn), feed additives, that are imported by local traders. The agency always

maintains that there's no shortcut for safety because the feeds that the livestock eat are in turn ingested by humans," Tobiano states.

The BAI has accredited the services of Qualibet to expedite laboratory results used for import permits and veterinary drug registration. Its Feed Control Division specificalty conducts tests on feeds. Aside from the DA, Qual bet has also been tapped by the Department of Health and the Department of Trade and Industry for their various testing requirements.

### Quality is better

Qualibet, which is short for "quality is better", is a food, water, pharmaceutical and veterinary testing facility. It is also the newest of its kind and boasts of the most modern testing facilities in the Philippines managed by trained chemists, pharmacists, and microbiologists who are well-trained in various fields such as internal audit, validation of testing procedures or methodologies, and cross training to continuously meet the changing needs of analysis. The company is also affiliated with the American Chemical Society and is also ISO 90001-certified.

In addition to animal feed testing, Qualibet also provides proficiency tests to feed milis and integrators. Several feed mills tap Qualibet to constantly monitor the quality of their feeds for their protein, fat, fiber and moisture content. Quantiet also conducts seminars on Good Manufacturing Prac-

Tobiano says that since microorganisms are present in almost all stages of the food process-in this case the raising of poultry and livestock up to the final food preparation in the homes—It would really be important that safety and utmost care is taken by all stakeholders in the business. Indeed, even in this industry, an ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure



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# Art renditions for eco-fable on display

UNITED KINGDOM-BASED FILIPINA structures and provide the framework of painter Ivee Olivares-Mellor presents her renditions for the ecological fable "The King and the Royal Trees" at 1/of Gallery in Serendra beginning Sept 14. The suite of paintings and the story will be included in the upcoming Canvas publication of a trio endered tales visually rendered by three Magsaysay female artists: Anita Magsaysay-Ho, Plet Bolipata and Meilor.

in 1998, Mellor held a well-received 🛂 solo exhibition at Hamilton Place in Park Lane, London In 2002 and 2003, she held sold-out exhibits in two Philippine galleries of note

For the children's book project, Mellor uses circles as her inspiration and motif to symbolize the presence and threat of the south wind. The circles underpin the

the drawings.

Mellor is a graduate of the prestigious Chelsea College of Art and Design in Eng-

"The King and the Royal Trees" runs until Sept. 23 For details, call 1/of Gallery at 9013152 or 0917-8906160, or visit the Canvas website at www.canvas.ph

"The King and the Royal Trees" is an ecological fable written by Paul Leet Aird, a University of Thronto professor emeritus and a lifelong conservationist. He has promoted conservation during his over 20 years of work as a forester and forest scientist in the Quebec forest industry, and then as professor of forest conservation policy in





the University of Toronto.

A popular speaker, Aird is the author of Loon Laughter: Ecological Fabres and Nature Tales," and numerous reports, articles, fables and poems about nature conservation.

Aird lives on the Niagara Escarpment in the village of Inglewood, Ontario.

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# Rafael Cusi's colorful in black-and-white

there are no gray areas between the endurance of their all ance with ect for each other

After causing much hue and cty in the art world by announcing their collaboration on the country's first comprehensive book on black-andwhite portraits, the maverick duo created as much controversy when they decided-after over 250 book pieces completed-to just drop everything midway and not speak to each other for two whose years!

What the world calls insane, Cusi and Aguilar call therapeutic.

"We needed that break," says Aguilar "Popoy and I have such in tense personalities that after spending time working closely together in a project that we are both very passionate about, we need to stay away from each other or we might explode. Pero wala kaming pinagawayan talaga."

Cusi agrees: "It's not easy for the people around us to figure out how we can break all communication for

IN FRIENDSHIP, AS IN BUSINESS, two whole years, then pick up exactly where we left off Some even tried arrist Rafael Cusi and publisher to create a wedge between us for Marlene Aguilar And difficult as it their self-serving reasons. Unfortumay be to understand, they can test - nately for them, they underestimated our friendship. Marlene and 1 a severe ferocity that is matched on trust each other completely. There ly by their unshakeabie loyalty and was never a doubt that the book would be completed "

The renewed, re-energized partnership ied to the completion of the coffee-table book, "Yin and Yang" The book is replete with over 300 black-and-white paintings by the multi-awarded Cust.

"I woke up one morning with a dream of publishing a book of paintings using ink on canvas. I was so excited, I immediately called up Popoy to tell him about it and ask if he was interested. Never mind if it was six in the morning!" Agullar said

By 9 a.m., the painter was at her doorstep with-lo and behold-over 200 paintings, all in brack and white "He said there was more in his studio, he just needed a little more time to find them. We shared the same vision way before we even met each other. How can you explain that?"

It turned out that Casi had been painting in black-and-white for overthree decades, without exhibiting a



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single piece "I painted them for n personal pleasure," he said. "Black and white is extremely challenging Just like with watercolor, every stroke is final. There is no room for error. You need more imagination to capture the essence of the subject and to create drama because there are no colors to engage the viewer with It is an expertise in technique that cannot be mastered overrught."

"Yin and Yang" will be unveiled exactly 10 years since the launch of the tandem's first project, "Philippine Cora, Reefs in Watercolor," published in 1997. Endorsed by both the United Nations and the Smithsonian Institute, the book was also a recipient of the European Art for Environment Award

"Yin and Yang" is envisioned to be a breakthrough project that will help unconventional Cusi was able to accomplish when he obstinately insist-

Proud of his Asian roots, Cusi said calligraphy, where beauty-in all its strength and grace—is captured with every steady stroke from a master's brush. Having lived and worked in key cities of Europe and North America, Cusi learned all that he could from Western art, only to come home with an even greater desire to explore his Eastern roots and instill its root values into his own artwork.

"Yin and Yang" will be launched Sept. 15 at Bulen Restaurant in Little Baguio, San Juan. Guests of honor include National Artist Napoleon Abueva, Imee Marcos, and Asian Development Bank director Richard Stanley, Copies are now avadable in all major bookstores and art galleries nationwide, Cal. 4390572 or 0927-

# Small but with a big shtick

By Ruel S. De Vers

ERHAPS IT'S BECAUSE FILIPINOS speak English so well and so easily that we are both amazed, and amused by mangled clichés that are almost right yet deliciously wrong "That's what I'm talking about it " Or how about "Come, ,et's join us!" Or maybe the classic: "Why won't you cut me some slacks?" This is exactly what is celebrated in "The More The Manyerl Pinoy Clichés and Other Words of Wisdamb" (Tahanan Books, Makati City, 2007, 98 pages), which combines these malapropisms with irresistibly humorous illustrations by Elbert Or. The book itself has a size (3" x 5 25") and retail price (P95) that belies the size of its charm, it may indeed be small, but it carries a big shtick

The first thing that elevates "The Manyer" over the many forwarded emails is its educational, almost scholarly

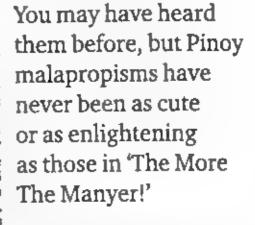
approach to the cuchés. After all, readers have probably heard these idiotic id.oms before, many of them have been included in jokes about certain celebrities, in some cases, correctly so. Of particular import is the index of cor-

responding correct English idioms at the end of the book, essentially an antidote to the tongue-tripping that inspired the book in the first place It doesn't shirk the responsibilities of correcting those hilarious errors, educating after the laughing

By dividing the book into six chapters ("How Do You Like My England?", "Hato-Halo Metaphors," "Words of Wisdumb," "We come Remarks," "Words To Leave By and "Oxymoronici"), the minds behind "The Manyer" show the reader where these statements came from and even where they were supposed to be headed, before they got derailed. There is a reflexive joy and enlightenment that comes with reading these verbal and grammatical miscues.

Paipable playfulness

There is also a palpable playfulness in other examples



In that sense, "The Manyer" is the spiritual sequel to Neni Sta. Romana-Cruz's "Ngalang Pinoy A Primer on Pinoy Wordplay," also from Tahanan. That book listed humorous names as well as estab., shments like restaurants and bakeshops with names such as Abu Sarrap and Monay Lisa. "The More The

Manyer" is the logical continuation.

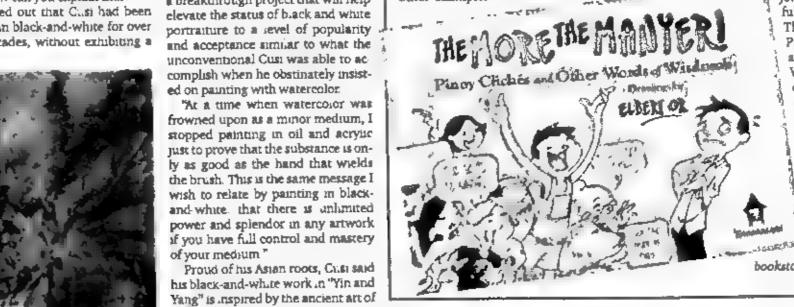
The other element that distinguishes "The Manyer" is Or's art. Serendipitously an English teacher, Or had illustrated for magazines and books before, particularly some funny book cov-

ers and the witty "Bakemono High" strip in K-Zone Magazine. But here, Or uses his distinctive style to provide the perfect pictorial accompaniment for the misquotes, easily his best work so far.

Take a look at that polar bear, of all things, sitting on top of a guy's head for "Keep that bear in mind." You have to beheve it to see it, or something like that.

There is still much territory to cover when it comes to the Filipinos' common misdeeds in English; every time someone says "taken cared of" or "cope up" with a straight face should be enough to make English teachers leap at them brandishing a whiteboard marker. This tiny, terrific book is a fun and funny step in the right direction.

> Because knows how even jokes can be helpful, "The More Manverl: The Clichés Pinoy Other Words of Wisdumb" is a great example how Filipinos can get seri-0145, when it comes to not taking themselves too seriously. Available leading bookstores.



# Balisi's edifice complex

"The exile of the poet today is a simple easily be Krakow at the height of Hitler's function of a relatively recent discovery: that whoever wields the power is able to control language and not only with the prohibitions of censorship, but also by changing the meaning of words."

In this case, but not at the risk of alienating Milosz, it is the artist's brush that probably harnesses that power visually. "Out of the House and into the World of White" is a haunting depiction of structural ruin, a picture of war refuse, captured as though a nighttime curfew airen could be heard and the constantly moving patrol lights illuminate the skeletal remains of once imposing buildings at several angles at once. It could

regime

Along the vem that "world's end" is a metaphor for the Holocaust, the inwardly lit structures, so like those in cities ravaged, serve as pacans to the survivors and as a reminder of the horrific truth, a vow that "No other end of the world will there

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FROM left: Venice Tamayo, Patrick Reyes, Emely Jane Mahipus, Bernica Sioson Tuason and Cecile Basilio Roxas (seated)

# A treat of wonderful

Piano concerts definitely make our day

> ano faculty members, perked up the otherwise wet weekend with a rousing symphonic plane music in a concert held at the school's mner court, titled "Pjano Carousel " The planists were Cecile Basilio-Roxas;

Imagine five upright planes that cut an

comes in full circle.

A TREAT/ES



NOREEN Paula Tan Ngo, Herminigildo Ranera and Inna Montesdaros мотовутимево

By Antonio C. Hila Contributor

IANO MUSIC TOOK CENTER stage in a series of concerts held separately in different venues, giving piano enthusiasts a treat of planism essayed by young fugue, and dynamic chords, all starkly conand senior pianists alike

At the Francisco Santiago Hall of Banco de Oro in Makati City, Regina "Inna" P Montesciaros and Naureen Paula Tan Ngo forged a remarkable tandem as they showcased their individual and co., aborative talents. They had been keen competitors in local piano compensions and both had garnered top prizes.

Watching them perform as a team tather than as competitors was simply engaging, thanks to the Manila Chamber Orchestra Foundation (MCO), which presented the concert as part of its 2007 festival. The MCO has always believed in nurturing the talents of young artists. Although the musicians played individual pieces, the concert was largely collaborative

With UST professor Herminigildo Ranera securely wielding the baton on the podrum, Montesclaros and Ngo played Mozart's Concerto for Two Pianos, K 365, with the UST Symphony Orchestra. They electrified the audience with a youthful exaberance, fresh and spontaneous.

They exchanged seats in Milhaud's "Scaramouche," this time Noreen on piano 1, and engaged the audience further into a light, mood throughout the set of three movements.

The high point of their performance was Saint-Saens "Carnival of Animals," as they, with the UST Symphony Orchestra, imitat ed in a series of short pieces animais in the zoo MCO director Armando Baltazar provided a stylish annotation in a well-modulated light baritone intonation. The rendition was made more absorbing with visuals of the featured animais flashed on screen on the right side of the stage.

Both young planists rendered each a solo piece that underscored their respective soloist camber: Noreen did Liszt's Hungari an Rhapsody No. 13, while Inna, Ginestera's Danzas Argentinas, all with prolific energy.

They certainly are the young planists to watch! Their teachers are Raul Sumco and Cecile Basilio-Roxas, respectively.

### Asuncion at GSIS

At the GSIS Museum, Manila's piano enthus asts heard Victor Santiago Asuncion, undoubtedly one of the country's finest pr anists. He just finished his Doctorate in Masical Arts (DMA) in Piano Performance at University of Maryland and is now a faculty member at University of Memphis, where he is the Coordinator of Plano and Collaborative Arts Studies

Asuncion wowed his listeners with his discriminating planism that could only come from a literate understanding of the works, and a well-honed technique that served as a foundation of his interpretative skill. He played intelligently, and its appeal

was his correct style of execution Briefly but amply, he introduced each piece before playing it.

He was expressive in Aiban Berg's Sonata No. 1, a piece rarely heard on the loca, concert scene He rendered chromatic those configurations with crystalline purity and neatness, its dense texture he etched in velvety tones.

He shifted gear in Ravel's "Gaspard de la nuit," essaying it palpably with enough firmness to keep its lyricism. "Ond.ne" was exeene, and the finale, "Scarbo," incisively thythmic.

He had complete abandon in Lizst's Sonata in B Minor, where he combined power and warm touch. His technical prowess could not be faulted as ne fired brilliant octaves, handsome staccato in the trasted by an alluring singing tone.

Manila must hear more of pianist Asuncion, an alumnus of the Philippine High School for the Arts.

Musika Ibarang and PHSA presented the concert for the benefit of the PHSA Alumni Chapter for its student travel

### Sta. Isabel musicians

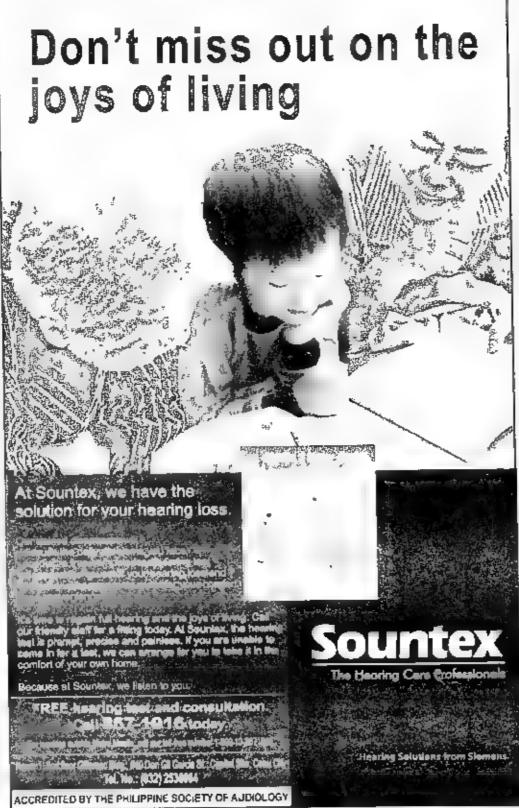
Finally, the Santa Isabel Conege Key-

pressively singing, "Le gibet," absorbingly board Philharmonic, composed of five pi-

Bernica Sioson-Tuason, Emely Jane Mahipus; Venice Tamayo and John Patrick Reyes. The occasion was the 375th institu tional foundation anniversary of the

overwheaming pentagona, space on the center of the school's basketball court Each pranist makes a clockwise turn and plays on the next piano to the left antil everyone









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WINNERS of the PTGP competitions

Hooray for piano teachers!

By Pable A. Tariman Contributor

WHY IS THERE SUCH AN OUTburst of young piano talents in the country as showcased in the latest editions of the National Music Competition for Young Artists and the ptano festivals of different music organizations?

Well, it's because piano teachers are active and constantly getting updates on the latest in the piano-teaching profession.

projects lined up by the Piano Teachers Guild of the Philippines (PTGP), which is spon-soring the 2007 Bach Competi-for new talents tion, with its winners to be showcased Sept. 30 at Philamlife Theater, and Oct. 26 at "Pa- Baroque period. co Park Presents."

In preparation for this compention, seminars were con-Manuel Marimba on April 29, July 1 and Aug. 5 on correct articulations, dynamics, execution of ornaments and overall according to the practice of the recital halls, and the winners have festivals and competitions reaching out to the provinces

The main problems of the profession remain the lack of good scores and music editions, and the dearth A case in point is the array of of performance opportunities

Anthony So of the PTGP competition committee says the categories of the Bach comducted by PTGP president petition are Inventions Sinfo-Well-Tempered Clavier Books; and Major Works and Transcriptions Eliminations will be held at the interpretation of Bach's music UST Conservatory of Music

will be known in the final round on Sept. 16.

Since its founding on Nov. 2, 1972, the PTGP has been actively pursuing the standardization of professional and pedagogical methods of piano teachers throughout the coun-

Surprising maturity

Pianusts Najib Ismail and Mary Anne Espina of the PTGP recently took time out to answer questions on the state of plano-playing and teaching in the country.

Ismail believes the standard of piano-playing has been generally positive, and Espina

"A lot of young kids play well beyond their years, and their sense of maturity is surprising," notes Espina

The main problems of the profession remain the lack of good scores and music editions, and the dearth of performance opportunities for new

"That is why we at the PTGP

al Theater Association, in asso-

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to get young musicians to perform in good halls, and for them to have a venue for their talent," adds Ismail

Are plano teachers in the provinces at par with piano teachers in Metro Manda and major cities?

Generally, notes Ismail, most of the good teachers are in Manula. That is why PTGP is

THE PHILIPPINE EDUCATION Nellhaus, and directed by Peta Segarra, Ku Aquino, Ronnie

artistic director Maribel Legar-

da, the play tells the story of

Rome, who, instead of ruling

an already crumbling empire,

is seen raising chickens in his

Dido dela Paz, Melvin Lee, Ian

"Romulus D'Grayt" features

performance practices and trends in piano-playing.

What is in store for the piano profession in this country?

Ismail likes to think the future of the piano profession is

"The PTGP is working hard to make sure our teachers and students will hopefully be at par with the rest of the world,"

For inquires on the PTGP Competition, 7430491 or 2431081

### Here and there

Presh from her triumphant team-up with conductor Helen Quach and the Manila Symphony, planist Christine Coyluto will have another solo recital on Sunday, Oct. 14, at the CCP

Bertubin, Buddy Caramat, An-

drew Cruz, Vincent de Jesus,

Jef Dee, Eric dela Cruz, Ariel

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Labajo, Phil Noble, Rhoel

Recheta, Paolo Rodriguez,

Tenorio,

Vasquez and Randy Villarama

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by giving seminars on the latest Little Theater with guest cellist Anjo Inacay.

Her program includes Handel's Chaconne in G Major, HWV 435, Grieg's Lyric Pieces. and Rachmaninoff's Six Moments Musicaux, Op. 16, and Sonata in G Minor, Op. 19, for violin and cello. For tickets, call

In celebration of the 30th anniversary of the Philippine High School for the Arts (PH SA) and the 15th anniversary of Sanghiyas Pangkat Mananayaw, the PHSA will mount a reunion-benefit dance concert at Tanghalang Mariang Makuing (NAC Theater) on Sept. 14, and at Francisco Santiago Hall on Sept. 16. For inquiries, call 0926-6621897

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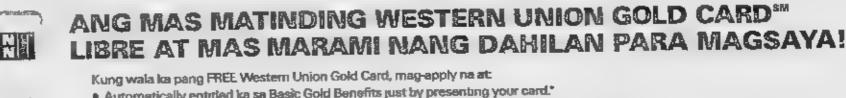
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### FESTYLE

# 'Love's Labour's Lost' from Repertory Philippines

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Those were the days of Psychedelic Furs, Spandau Balet, early Madonna and Duran Duran; women with big hair,

PHILIP raccoon eyes and shoulder pads; and men with siyete haircuts and baggy pants.

Shakespeare entertains audiences through exuberant physical comedy and witty wordplay in this play, about a king and his cohorts who yow to spend three years devoted only to study with no distraction at all from anyone or anything, only to find themselves tempted by ladies and love when the princess and her entourage arrive on a visit.

Director Bart Guingona's cast includes Epy Quizon, Nic Mana han, Hans Eckstein, Gabs Santos, Micah Muñoz, Jenny Jamora, Cris Villonco, Crisel Consunji and Caisa Borromeo, ably supported by Ana Bitong, Oliver Usison, Jene Esquerra, Kenneth Keng, Pom Docena, Dingdong Rosales and Bonggoy Manahan.

"Love's Labour's Lost" runs Sept. 15-Oct. 7 at Onstage, Greenbelt 1, Makati. Call 8870710 or 891999.



CAISA Borromeo, Hans Eckstein, Jenny Jamora, Epy Quizon, Cris Villonco, Nic Manahan, Gabs Santos and Crisel Consump

### By Constantino C. Tejero

NCREDIBLY, THERE were no women this year honored by the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation (RMAF) in recognition of "greatness of spirit shown in service to the peoples of Asia."

Even our woman President could not attend the presentation ceremonies of this highest of honors, known as Asia's Nobe. Prize, on Aug 31 at the Cultural Center of the Philippines Main Theater President Macapagal-Arroyo was in Maiaysia on a visit, but an RMAF staff member said she had been invited every year but not once had she graced the occasion since 2003.

Only three high government officials were signted in the premises. Senators Franklin Dulon and Mar Roxas and Chief Justice Reynato Pano.

Aided by RMAF board chair Washington SyCip, Puno presented the medals and certificates to the awardees. Above them hovered the giant gold medallion embossed with the rate President Magsaysay's image, set amid a copper-colored wire representation of laureis embellished with conch shells, against the ox-blood velvet curtain.

There was one absence, though, that was applauded that afternoon-that of Chen Guangcheng, the blind humanrights activist from China now incarcerated in Linyi prison in Shandong province. He was honored with the Ramon Magsaysay Award for Emergent Leadersh.p.

### Religious upbringing

There were three Chinese honorees this year, the most from any country. Chung To, another awardee for Emergent Leadership, came in a plum-colored traditional Chinese shirt with the red AIDS ribbon pinned on the chest In his response, he started a

dramatic telling about 7-year o.d Fang Fang who asked her dying mother "Mother, why don't you se., me, so you would have money to buy medicine?" Both parents died, anyway, leaving Fang Fang and her younger sister orphaned by AIDS.

Tang Xiyang, for Peace and International Understanding, also wore a traditional Chinese shirt in white silk brocade. With an interpreter beside him, he gave special thanks to his late American wife and collaborator Marcia, and dedicated his award to Mother Nature, among others.

Jovito R. Salonga from the Ph.lippines, for Government Service, attributed his long ex-



barong Tagalog

### Lifelong vision

Kim Sun-tae from Korea, for Public Service, was guided to center stage where he stood, in black suit and old rose tie, a model of dignity and inspiration.

Blinded since 10 during the Korean world. War, he read his speech in Braille, thanking doctors, nurses, teachers and hospital work ers for acting as his hands and feet, and his wife Jung-

Ja as his eyes. His \$50,000 prize money he committed to the building of his second eye hospital. "I will always strive to ease the suffering of my brothers and sisters in pain,"

he said Mahabir Pun from Nepal, for Community Leadership, was the most rencent of the lot, almost embarrassed, like a little boy lost. Speaking in low tone, he said the award was "the greatest surprise of my life... has boosted my spirit very much and I feel much younger now."

He related his wishes as a child wanting to have enough food, clothes, shoes, books, pens and paper, and as a college student wanting to become an engineer to get a better job and

appeared hale in oyster-gray have a good life. "However, months for exposing local offi many of my wishes were not calls' abuses of China's onefulfilled," he said

Then he enumerated more wishes: vocational training income-generating schools; programs; college for the poor; remote villages—his lifelong viral Nepal, and eventually the

### Rhapsody and lament

Palagummi Samath from India, for Journalism, Literature and Creative Communication Arts, reminded his audience that this was the 60th anniversary of Indian independence.

After rhapsodizing over his country's history, he lamented over "a nation that ranks fourth on the world's list of billionaires and 126th in human development," and tambasted "a media politically free but chained by profit."

At his most inspiring, he quoted a line from the Mahatma: "Live simply, that others might simply live.

Appearing in khaki pants and white sleeve-shirt with charcoal-gray vest that looked like a cross between a paparazzi outfit and a Nehru jacket, he looked every inch a hard-hitting

Chen, known as China's Barefoot Lawyer, could not receive his award for obvious reason. He was serving a prison sentence of four years and three

child policy, including forced abortions.

Neither could his wife Yuan Weijing attend to get his award, as she, too, had been stopped communication technology for from leaving Beijing. Her message was read by RMAF presision of improving the lot of ru- dent Carmencita Abeila to an unusually solemn audience

During the presentation of the seven awardees, when each was called to center stage to form a row, Chen's name was the most applauded. And his absence seemed to be the most real presence.

### Darkness and light

In his congratulatory remarks, Puno was brimming over with verbal felicities.

He eulogized President Magsaysay as "our incandescent moral light." (That was after quoting Martin Luther King Jr. Everyone must decide whether to walk in the light of creative altruism or to walk in the darkness of destructive selfishness.")

At one time, he baffled some in the audience when he started praising Tang Xiyang for "protecting his country's chirping birds... rustling leaves, and flowing rivers, now threatened"-and that was when his listeners realized he was referring to an environmentalist

Finally he thanked the honorees for "showing us how to live," and that "there can be a heaven on earth."

# A treat of wonderful , pianism

### From page El

Together with the Santa Isabei College Chamber Orchestra composed of the school's music students and conducted by Crisanti f. Alcazo, the Keyboard Ph lharmonic rendered Bach's Concerto in A Minor as an opener

The rest of the program consisted of familiar light pieces scored for five pianos, making it collectively sound like a philharmonic orchestra, thanks to the genins of Jane Tan, who arranged the classical standard pieces, and John Reyes, who arranged two Filipino numbers, "Pamulinawen and "Pandangguhan." Indeed, the rendition was superby inner voicings neatly balanced, sounding the appropriate orchestral instrument it re-Flected.

From an overture, "The Beautiful Galatea," Suppe, a march, "Semper Fidelis," Sousa, a movie theme, "The Entertainer (The Sting)," Jophn and the like, the pieces rendered were simply a n.t.

Clapping even height- I ened their playing to the loy of the audience who pure delight as they relished the familiar tunes they heard.

The planists forged a strong rapport; they played with burning passion Amor Caparas emceed the performance and provided brief introduc-

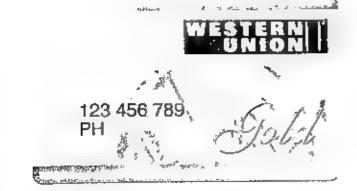
Impeccably tuned, the pianos sounded excellent. Ace piano technician Ignacto "Iggy" Tuason has kept his magic touch not only in tuning but also in maintaining the planos. He tuned the pianos at the Francisco Santiago Hall concert cited above, which gave even and baianced tones.



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# Project: New way of learning

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6 years become thinkers and not just passive listeners has been the goal of Cambridge Child Development Centre. Through its Project Approach curriculum, Cambridge, which has branches in Quezon City, Manila, San Juan and Cebu, teaches children to be systematic, scientific and creative. An early childhood education program, Project Approach has been adopted by school districts and state programs in the United States and Canada. "Studies have shown that through Project

Approach, learning can be more dynamic, flexible and meaningful for children," says Myra Jiao, directress of Cambridge, at 1 Capitol Drive, Capitol Hills, Quezon City. "The program builds on children's curiosity and interest, ensuring more in-depth learning. It offers them opportunities to relate new information to what they already know from their own experience. They learn to engage in problem-solving and develop confidence in their own capability." Jiao adds that Project Approach address-

Text by Rowena C. Burgos Photos by Romy Homillada

es recent findings in brain research, emotional intelligence, multiple intelligences, the role of art and creativity in education and the importance of the classroom as a social context for early learning.

Project Approach and the insight it provides into a child's understanding are valued by teachers. The children go on field trips, then draw sketches of what they had noticed and what had been important to them during their trip.

"In the past, the teachers have had difficulty motivating the children in their class to draw on their own. Some students typically are delayed at least one year and often have multiple impairments. Some had not seen any recognizable shapes in the children's drawings. Putting the drawing in the context of a project helps the teacher to recognize what the child is attempting to draw," Jiao explains. "These drawings that children produce demonstrate their growth and understanding."

### **Planning**

Jiao believes that the most helpful thing about Project Approach is the contribution it makes to planning, "I think it's easier mainly because you have a goal-to see, first of all, what knowledge the children have, where their interests are, and then once you know where they want to go, it's easier to plan along those lines. Planning is based on the children's interests. One way the teachers pick up on the children's interest is by listening to what the children say."

As an administrator, Jiao is very pleased with the effect of Project Approach on her school. When asked how Project Approach has affected teachers, she says, "I think it's

made them think of what level the children are on and where they are taking the kids. Instead of cute themes, they really have to look at where the kids are and what they're doing, what they are interested in. And then they have to figure out how to teach it. They can't find that ready-made in a book. In this process, they've had the kids do things that you don't often think about young children doing "

Jiao believes that teachers who use the Project Approach do more work than they would if they were using a traditional curriculum. "In the typical early childhood curriculum, more reliance is placed on books. With this project work, they've got to plan field trips, they've got to be tallong to people. They've got to figure out what's handson that the children can explore. They have to bring in the stuff that the kids use to create-make things available to the kids beyond papers."

### Programs

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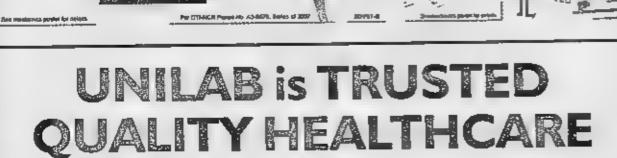
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Project Approach, Jiao says, has made Cambridge's program "more substantial" and has provided a "more well-rounded hands-on curriculum "

"We're not doing all of the teaching. The children are teaching each other. It seems that we are letting them take more responsibility. They come up with some of the most intelligent things! It's just unbelievable to me what kids this age can do and think,"

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Dr. Sylvia Chard, a leading expert on Project Approach, will conduct a seminar workshop on Sept. 13, 14, and 15, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., at the Amorsolo Hall of Holiday Inn Galleria Manila to demonstrate planning projects, doing field work, investigating people and places, representing new learning, documentation and assessing student



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Medical professionals and consumers from across socio-economic classes agree that in the Philippine pharmaceutical and healthcare industry, one corporate brand stands out as the trusted quality healthcare-Unliab.

This insight was the result of the qualitative study for the Unitab corporate tagline conducted last year by internationally respected research agency Nielsen among consumer groups and doctors. Two consumer groups composed of 20 to 45 year-old male and female from across socio-economic classes who are purchase decision-makers for their families' healthcare needs were involved in the study, while the three doctor groups were composed of general practitioners and specialists with over 10 years of practice. Both stakeholder groups agreed that among the shortlist of corporate taglines tested, "Trusted Quality Healthcare" is most befitting for Unilab.

"Trusted kasi ang Unilab, may karapatan na kasi matagal na sa business," said a consumer in the verbatim accounts recorded by Nielsen. Another added, "Effective ang garnot kaya trusted." Still another, "Matatagina: Proven quality!" Another consumer succinctly expressed why he thinks Unitab is and should be trusted, "Kası pinapahalagahan niya ang kalusugan mo."

A doctor also underscored Unitab's heritage in the industry that has made it a trusted brand. "Matagal na ang Unilab, kaya na niyang panindigan." Addressing a broad base of common and chronic illnesses with Unliab's over 300 brands was also highlighted as a strong point, as expressed by another doctor. "Complete package siya. Wide range and products niya." Another doctor highlighted Unilab's accessibility to most number of patients without sacrificing safety and efficacy. "Unilab is pro-patient," he said. "They do bloequivalence so you are guaranteed of the quality."

### Internal brainstorming

Prior to external stakeholder testing, the search for the Unilab corporate tagline commenced with a series of internal brainstorming workshops participated in by Unilab employee groups consisting of staff, line managers, division heads, and general managers of marketing divisions.

This internal initiative is imperative to the search process because it ensures that Unitab's corporate tagline is accepted and understood by Unilab employees themselves, who are essentially Unilab's ambassadors to external stakeholders such as medical professionals, trade partners, consumers, among others

The internal workshops yielded an interesting and insightful result: the key words Unitab employees want in the corporate tagline are trust, quality, health, and care-now all woven into Unliab's new corporate tagline "Trusted Quality Healthcare."

### Statement of responsibility

The corporate tagline is a fundamental component of Unilab's corporate branding initiatives. In essence, "Trusted Quality Healthcare" highlights Unilab's character, reason for being, and heritage as the country's largest and leading pharmaceutical and healthcare company. Not only is it about who Unitab is, but more significantly about what Unilab means to the lives of millions of Flüpmos served with safe, effective, and affordable healthcare.

More than a claim, therefore, "Trusted Quality Healthcare" is an affirmation of all that the members of the Unitab Family-both past and present-collectively worked hard for In all of its 62-year history, the fruit of unwavering commitment to people's health and wellness.

More than a promise, "Trusted Quality Healthcare" is a constant reminder of the responsibility built into Unilab's mission of helping consumers live the healthy life they deserve. It is, indeed, a statement of responsibility.



### Broadway bit "Art" at the Music Museum

AFTER A SUCCESSFUL gan, Michael de Mesa and "Art" has won numerous premiere in Cebu, Yasmi- Ricky Davao. na Reza's Broadway and Guingona's direction.

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# Disney supports its star despite mude photo

NEW YORK-THE WALT DISney Co. is supporting the 18year-old star of its wildly successful "High School Musical" franchise, despite her "lapse in judgment" in posing for nude photos that were leaked to the

Vanessa Hudgens apologized Friday for the photos, which show her smiling and standing naked in a bedroom directly in front of the camera.

"I want to apologize to my fans, whose support and trust means the world to me," Hudgens said in a statement issued about a day after the photo surfaced. "I am embarrassed over this situation and regret having ever taken these photos. I am thankful for the support of my family and friends."

Hudgens has started in "High School Musical" and "High School Musical 2" as Gabriella, the sweet, innocent science geek whose romance with athlete Troy, played by Zac Efron, is chronided in the two hugely popular made-for-television movies on the squeaky-clean Disney Channel.



VANESSA HUDGENS

making it the summer's most-role model. watched TV program.

### Lapse in judgment

Vanessa has apologized for what was obviously a lapse in judgment," said Disney Channel spokeswoman Patri McTeague. "We hope she's learned a valuable esson."

She said negotiations were on-"High School Musical 3" feature film-including Hudgens.

Hudgens' publicist, Jill Fritzo, would not say anything about who took the pictures and how they slipped out onto the internet.

Earlier on Friday, a representative for Hudgens confirmed the image was of Hudgens but said it 'was taken privately."

"It is a personal matter and it is unfortunate that this has become public," the representative said in

in a Teen magazine interview released earlier this week, Hud- ed on Disney Channel last month

Channel last month attracted private person" with "very good more than 17 million viewers, morals who enjoyed serving as a

> Hudgens is a superstar among the preteen set, and Disney has spun a wide merchandisate net around the series with albums and concert tours. She and Efron reportedly date in real life, making them big attractions for celebrity

The films' wholesome nature for a company that has made its going to land all the actors for a name on family-mendly fare for generations — is a big part of its

But some parents of young fans were outraged by the photo, saying it tarmshed Hudgens' image.

### Record audience

If Disney executives had cut ties with Hudgens, not wanting the company's name associated with anything not G-rated, they would have run the risk of upsetting a formula that has made the company milions upon millions of dollars.

"High School Musical 2" debut-

The sequel's premiere on Disney gens described herself as "a very to a record audience of 17.2 million viewers to become the mostwatched individual program in cable TV history.

The best thing for Disney was to do nothing, said Michael Levine, a Hollywood image consultant and author of 18 books. AP Reuters





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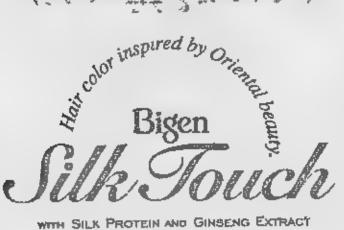
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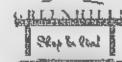
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# Movie treats and tricks

OF THE THREE FILMS WE'VE seen recently, it's "Hairspray" that hits the spot. The musical film does more than bring the music and pop culture of the '60s back to life, it also scores points for rele- Nestor vance as it recalls the shaky start of the Civil Rights movement.

The film uses a TV dance program in Bainmore as the sticking ground for its anti-racist drama. The dance context makes it easy for the movie to come up with energetic production numbers that make it a visually and aurally exciting production.

On the debit side, the movie tries too hard to vivify the standard sound of the '60s, so many of its songs end up sounding too similar to each other Genuine '60s musicals like "Bye Bye Birdie" featured a wider range of musical impulses, to more dynamic

"Hairspray" boasts of vivid portravals by Nikki Blonsky, Michelle Pfeiffer, James Maraden and Christopher Walken, with only John Travolta flubbing it with his heavy-handed crossdressing portrayal of Waiken's laundress-wife. The film's best sust is its anti-racial stance, vivified by an anthem for equality passionately sung by Queen Latifab.

### **Novel premise**

On the other hand, "Evan Almighty" has a novel premise, but doesn't take full advantage of its comic and thematic possibilities.

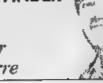
Steve Carell plays a new state representative whose dreams of higher political office are shattered when God, in the person of Samuel L. Jackson, orders him to drop everything and build an ark, because a secand deadly flood is coming.

Naturally, Carell's character brushes the divine order aside, until God unleashes his powers of persuasion in no uncertain terms. So the state official finally does God's bidding, and looks like a fool in the process—until God's dire prediction does come to

The film enchants with its colorful

It's his larger place of







JOHN Travolta with Nicole Blonsky in "Hairspray"

God's call to gravitate to where the politician turned neo-Noah is building his ark. But the movie's comedy quotient is less entertaining, because it sticks to the easy and the obvious.

This is a gutch in Carell's high-flying TV-film career, and a timely reminder that even popular stars can't rest on their laurels and hit film, and must work hard on every assignment, as though it were their last.

### Sensitive fulcrum

For a major change of pace, Nicole Kidman stars in the sci-fi chiller, "The Invasion." The film's story hunges on the return of a space shuttle that infects the world's population with a deadly "virus" from outer space that eats up its victims' bodies, or turns them into automatons.

Kidman herself gets infected, but avoids complete subservience by refusing to fall asleep. It appears that the mass infection does its worst

when people aren't awake. To its credit, "The Invasion" is full

vides the production with the firm and sensitive fulcium it needs. Despite these plus points, however, the film fails to come into its own as a unified whole because its premise isn't set into motion all that logically, and more questions are raised than are answered.

### 'Oprah'

On the Hallmark Channel, "The Oprah Winfrey Show" highlights some extraordinary women's inspir ing stones: Sept. 16, Annexte Bening

Sept. 22 at 3 p.m., Sarah Jessica Parker and Victoria Nagan talk about fashion and home design. At 8 p.m., Oprah interviews "maturing" women Diahann Carroll, Geena Davis and Nora Ephron. Sept. 30, the focus is on "Hairspray" stars Michelle Pfeiffer, Nikki Blonsky and Oueen Latifah.

### Homecoming

The 2008 homecoming of alumni of St. Joseph's School Pandacan, Manila, will be held roday at the SJS grounds. Entertainment will be provided by Erik Santos, Mariel Rodriguez and Boy Abunda Call Carmina Ducusin-Cabral at 559 0399 or Bong Quintana at 435-1120

### Feedback

From Pompeyo Pedroche, New Jersey, USA: "I like reading your column because you don't write about nivia, but on the relevant and fundamental tenets of show biz ethics, axt and principles. I also know you're not obsessed about promoting yourself. Through you, I would like to call the attention of GMA 7 on some communication lapses on two of its shows:

"It's no big deal to mispronounce a few English words (chasm, genre, bosom, attache, vineyard) in private conversation. However, when the mistakes are aired on TV on a regular basis, the blunders should not be ignored. Another instance: The word perpetuity was recently accented on the second syllable (per-PE-tuity) in-

# Manay Ichu is Gawad Urian's lifetime achievement awardee

FILM INDUSTRY STALWART MARICHU P will be produced by APT Productions and Maceda will receive the Natatanging Gawad for Lifetime Achievement from the Manunuri ng Pelikulang Pilipino during the 30th Gawad Unan on Sept. 13 at the Henry Lee Irwin Theater of the Areneo de Manula University.

The Manunum, the society of film critics, is giving the award to Maceda for her long years of leadership in the movie industry, resulting in the institution of policies, programs and even agencies catering to the needs and interests of movie profession-

Maceda, "Manay Ichu" to movie workers, was behind the establishment of the Film Academy of the Philippines in the 1980s. She worked tirelessly for the formation of guilds covering the different aspects of the movie profession. These guilds now form the FAP

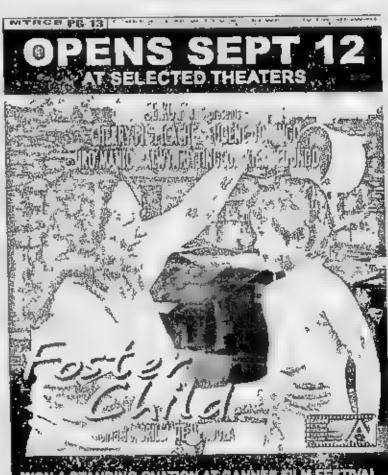
Maceda was also instrumental in the passage of Republic Act 9167, the law that created the Film Development Council of the Philippines, which formulates. programs and grants incentives to improve the quality of Filipino movies.

The council has formed the Cinema Evaluation Board, which evaluates and grades films submitted to it and depending on the ratings, grants them incenhves.

Belonging to the Vera-Perez clan, the family behind Samstudios, paguita Maceda was also a producer She produced Mike de Leon's "Batch '81," one of the greatest Filipino films of all will be broadcast on channel 9.

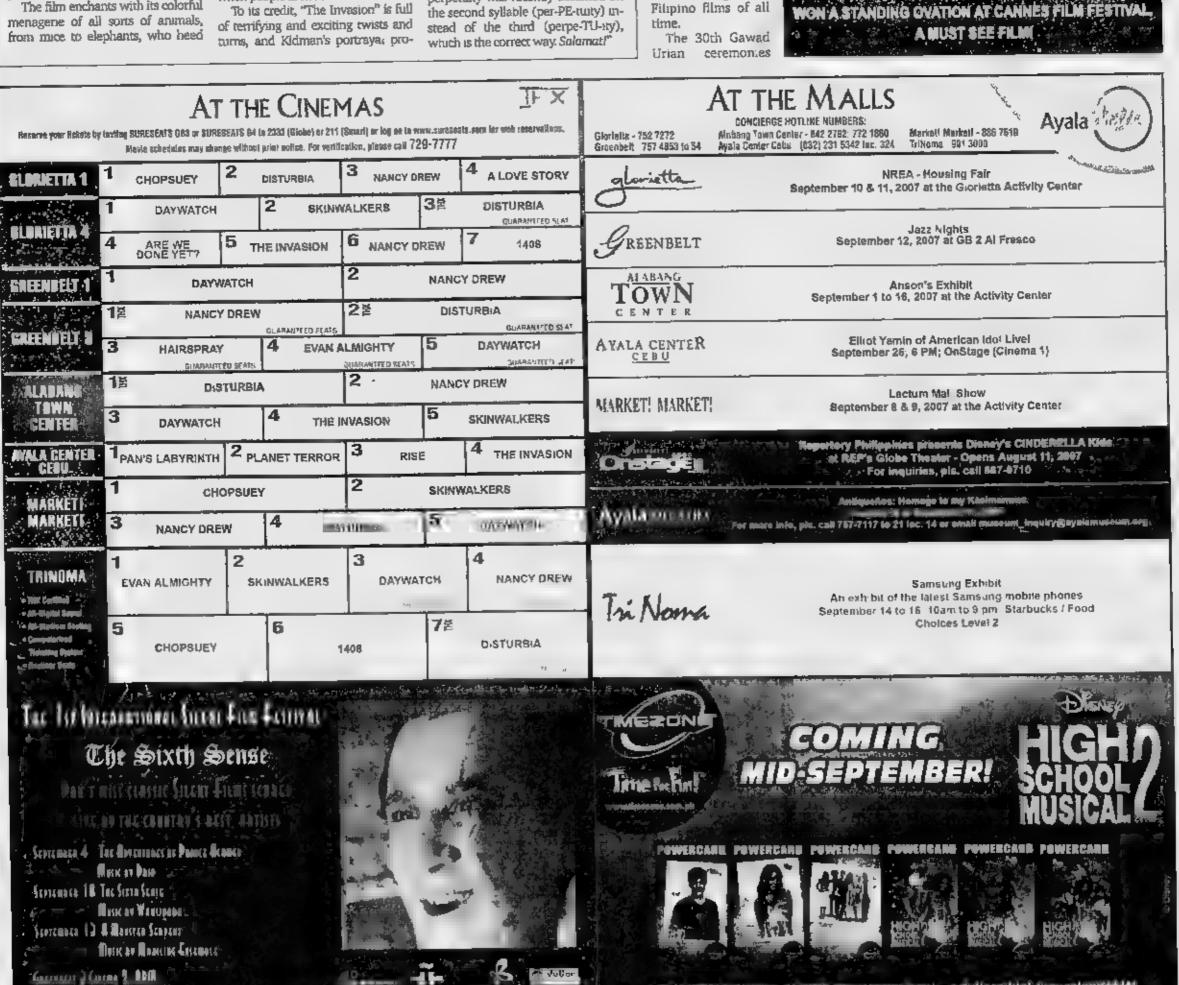
Meanwhile, the Manunuri has announced the nominees for best short film. "Taiah.b" (E.J. Salcedo), "Tsineias" (Mes de Guzman), "Sil d" (Yeye Calderon), "Nang Matapos ang Ulan" (Lav Diaz), "Gabon" (Emmanuel de la Cruz), "Doble Vista" (Nisha Alicer and Nix Lañas), "Putor" (Jhek Cogama), "Orasyon" (Milo Tolentino), "Misteryo ng Hapis" (Mark de la Cruz), and "Mga Bagay na May Pakpak" (Katrin Escay at Moshe Ladanga)

Nominated for best picture are "Huling Ba.yan ng Buhi" (CPI/Cinemaone Originals), "Kasal, Kasalı, Kasalo" (Star Cinema); "Kaleldo" (Centerstage Productions), "Kubrador" (MLR Films); "Manoro" (Centerstage Productions); "Todos, Todos, Teros" (John Torres); "Rome and Juliet" (CPI/Cinemaone Originals)



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By Janet Susan R. Nepales Contributor

LOS ANGELES-BABY-FACED, MIami born, Jamaican-bred Sean Kingston, 17, who appears to be a happy-go-lucky type, is actually an old soul with a young heart.

"I like that description," he said during a recent interview at the Sony/BMG office in Santa Monica.

Wearing a Billionaire Club cap backwards, loose shirt, denums and recent signs of his newfound wealth and popularity—a huge G-Shock sports watch, a silver necklace, and matching silver bracelet complete his superstar look-Sean is the world's latest music sensation.

He has the numbers to prove it. His debut single, "Beautiful Girls," is No. 1 in MySpace, iTunes, AOL Music, Yahoo Music, the No. 1 Verizon ring tone and No. 1 on Billboard's Hot 100 where it remained for five consecutive weeks.

Recently, Seam toppled Kanye West off the top of the UK chart, pushing the American rapper's "Stronger" single down to number

### Breaking all formulas

The charming teener, who started writing and composing music when he was only 10, is also breaking all formulas: He has created a new genre where rap, reggae, pop and doo-wop are combined; he does not use profanity in his songs; he broke into show business by spamming lumself in MySpace and was soon getting a million hits a day for his song; and he loves to "sound old but look young."

He tried to get the attention of record producer J.R. Rotem of the Beluga Heights label by writing to him three times a day for weeks. "I Just kept on e-mailing him and telling him to check my music on months, his mom is still serving jrnepales\_624@yahoo.com.



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MySpace. Until finally, he replied, hstened to my music and signed me up," Sean revealed.

His first single, "Beautiful Girls," recently won the Teen Choice 2007 award for Choice Music R&B Track. "It is universal in nature since it tells of one falling in love and getting heartbroken, because one's love doesn't live up to your expectations," he explained.

Yes, he has fallen in and out of love. "I was going out with the most out. beautiful gurl in school for two years but then she cheated on me with my best friend," he revealed.

Raised in Kingston, Jamaica, Sean said he had a rough child-

"I had a hard life," he confessed "There was a time when I was living in a car with my mom. We were homeless and I was growing up faster than I should have. When I was 14, my mother was arrested for tax evasion. I am really close to my mom so when she was arrested, a big part of me was taken away, too.

"My older sister stayed with me but then was also taken away for her involvement in my mother's crime. I slept on a bench in a bus stop for some time until I found refuge with an aunt in Boynton Beach, Fiorida."

Although he disclosed that his sister was released after four

Turning the negative into positive, Sean started writing music. "I turned to music and kept myself motivated. I used all these stuff as my motivation and it got me to where I am today," he disclosed.

He added, "I like it when I know people are reacting to my music. I love to write music that will connect with the fans, whether they are 15 or 35 years old," he pointed

### Staying clean and pure

Sean explained that he does not use profanity as he wants to be a role model to kids and "stay clean and pure."

He said he probably got his father's hustler mentality. He explained, "When my father wants something, he will do everything to get it. If he wants a Bentley, he will cut grass to be able to get that Bentley. Just like me. If I want a record deal, I will not stop until I get a record deal. I will focus. I will push myself for it."

If he had three wishes, what they would be?

"I wish my mom would get out of jail as soon as possible. I wish my album would go platinum. And I wish I would be a great artist."

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# Life's not all a comedy

By Marinel R. Cruz

WHILE EUGENE DOMINGO IS CONSIDered one of the funniest actors in local show biz today, it's surprising that very little laughter was heard during this interview with Inquirer Entertainment.

"I'm the serious type. I'm calm," said Eugene, a theater arts graduate of the University of the Philippines. People are used to seeing me clowning around on TV and in the movies. If I'm like that in real life, I'd get a heart attack."

Known for her helarious performances in comedies like "Ang Cute ng Ina Mo" and "D Lucky Ones," Eugene tackles a different role—that of a social worker-in Dante Mendoza's "Foster Child." The film, which pre-

miered in the Director's Formight section of the prestigious Cannes International Film Festival in May, explores the state of foster care in the Philippines. Aside from "Foster

Child," Eugene was also in the cast of Aureaus Solito's (2007)"Pisay" and "Tuli" (2005)

described

what you've done in independent films the movies. How do you handle coas something totally different from workers who are incompetent and unyour mainstream work. How was it different?

Ever since I became known as a comedian, I felt as if people always expected me to play funny roles. At least in indie films, I get to play roles that I consider more challenging. Indie films are very much like theater for me-it's refreshing, it's a breather. As an actor, I need balance. I don't want to be identified with just one genre. I will be bored to

As an actor, the challenge in working on "Foster Child" was that I was told not to act. I had to believe that I was indeed Branca, the social worker. I had to believe

that the situations around me were actually happening. That helps me forget that

I'm acting. I portray the role of a teacher in "Pisay," I feel flattered whenever alumni of Philippine Science High School come up to me and tell me I remind them of their years in the school. I just feel funny to be a Science teacher because I used to

fail my science subjects in high school. Even though my daughter in the movie "Tuli" fell in love with another woman, my character did not disown the child.

I'm like her in the sense that I'm never judgmental.

> You like to involve yourself with issues that are troubling the industry. Do you think all actors should do the same?

I choose my battles. I strongly feel that if our children would get nothing from television but vulgarity, sayang long ang airtime;

let's all stop watching TV. I hope we'd come up with more children's shows. I hope we'd make TV viewing more worthwhile

> Training and discipline in theater are very different from TV and

professional? I'm very fortunate that so far, I've not

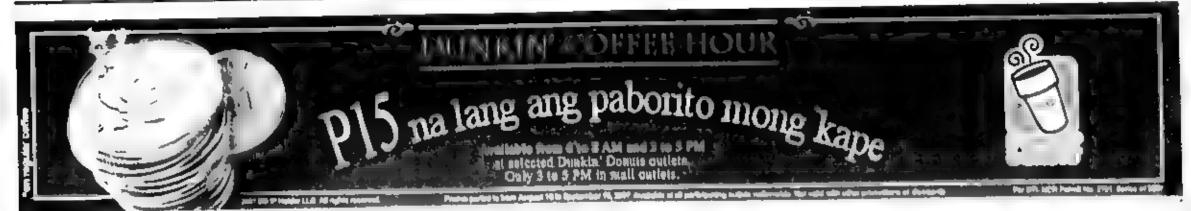
encountered actors who are unprofessional. When I first worked on TV, I was lucky to have been able to work with the likes of Claudine Barretto, Gloria Romero and Robert Arevallo, who are all pros.

But in this business, a degree in theater arts doesn't really matter. What counts is your work attitude. I'm the type who really follows schedules. Ayaw ko nang pabago-bago. I get frustrated with co-workers who are unable to deliver because they're irresponsible. I get turned off by actors who arrive late on the set; although this really doesn't affect my performance.



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# Edu: A good TV host lets guests shine

### By Marinel R. Cruz

"IF YOU WANT TO EXCEL AS A host, be original. Offer something that hasn't been seen or heard of "

The valuable tip is from Edu 🚓 Manzano, one of the busiest TV hosts in the country today.

Known for his quick wit and infectious humor, the 51-year-old actor and current chair of the Optical Media Board hosts two game shows

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"Game KNB?"—plus the early morning variety program tertainment, even literature."

"Umagang Kay Ganda " Speaking at the launch of V-Go energy drink, which he endorses, Edu told the entertainment

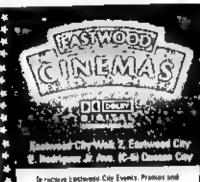
press: "Another secret of effective hosting is, be a good astener. You should just be react-

ing to your guests, you let them share." Edu said he admired Jon Stewart ("The Daily Show") for the latter's "abili-

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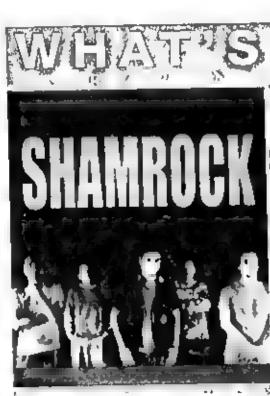
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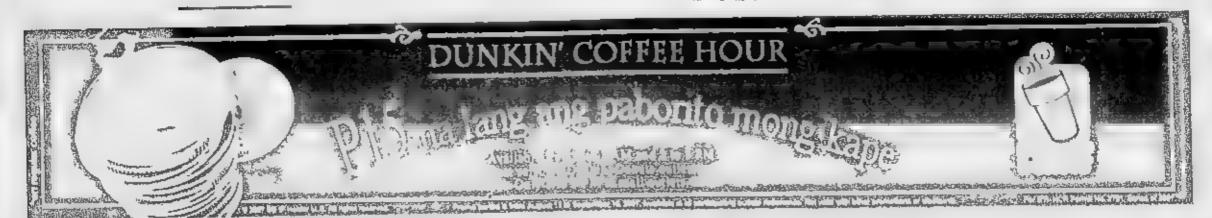
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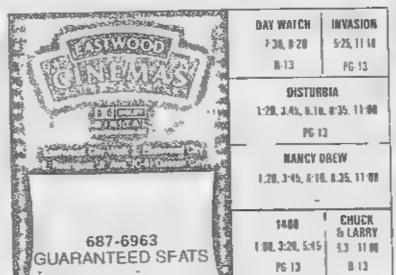
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leagues like his style. Bernadette Sembrano, a co-host on "UKG," de scribes him as "a natural."

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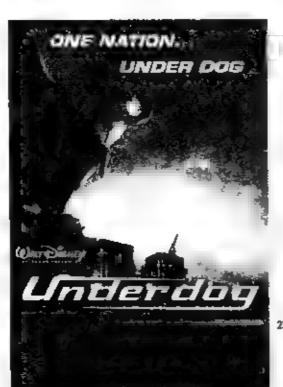
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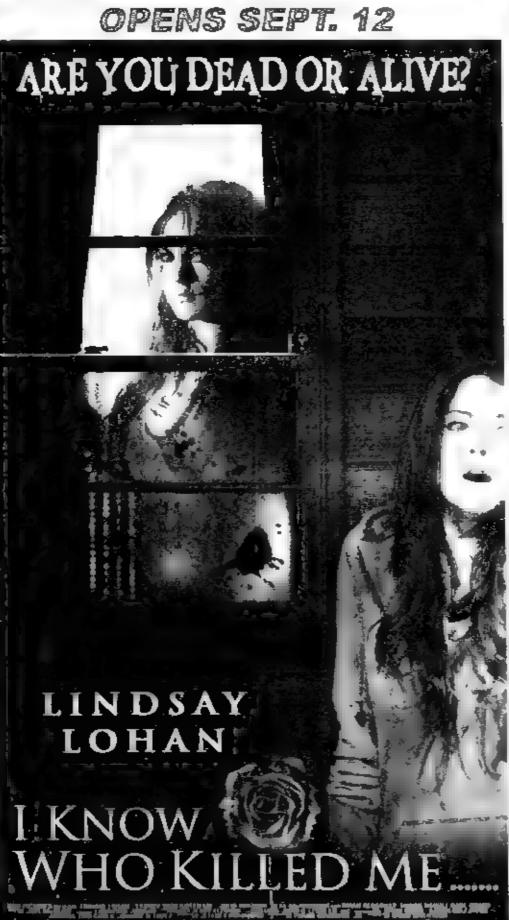
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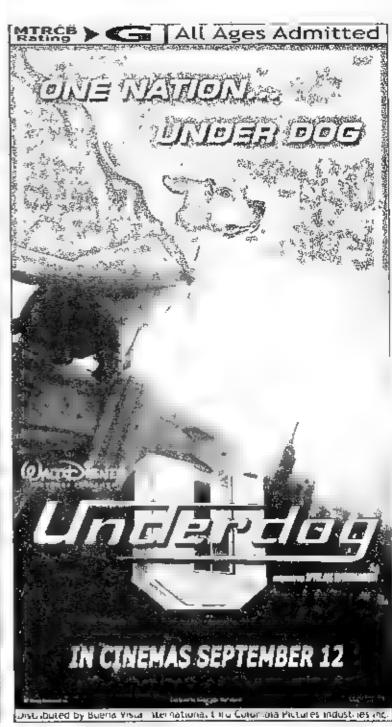
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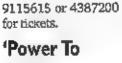
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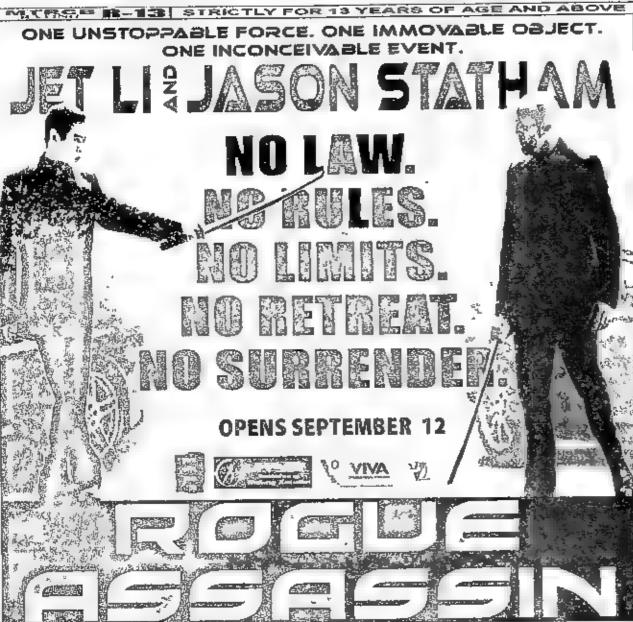
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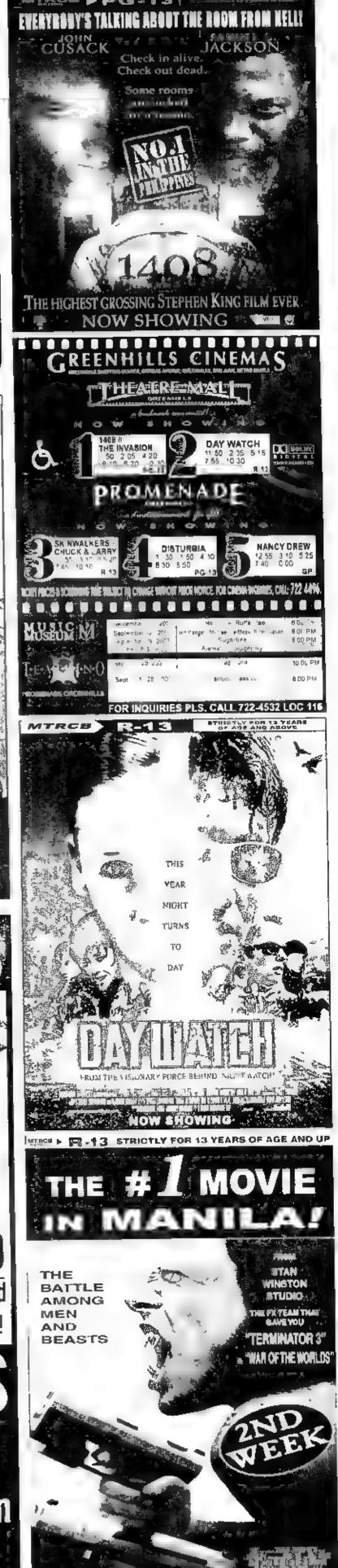
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What is it exactly about the MacBook that makes the Yes! Gang members this extra-determined? One of the hardcore techie members shares his in-depth research:

"You see, the MacBook is different from all the rest because it is the best and

most advanced laptop to date. It has a built-in camera, built-in AirPort Extreme for Wi-Fi, 2GB of memory, ang daming cool applications, panalo 'yong graphics and it's really fast kasi Intel Core 2 Duo Processor na, eh. And, of course, it's a Mac!" he boasts. "You can do a lot of neat stuff when you have a MacBook-magdesign, mag-DJ using the iTunes, any kind of school project, your own filmsjust about everything!" he continues.

"Kaya kami, we will never give up! We don't stop trying to get a winning crown! We will never pass up the chance to drink Coke, get the winning Yes! message and bag that MacBook!\*, he says with such a resounding passion, one would think no feat is ever big enough for him, as long as there is a Coke (and a Macbook!) waiting in the finish line.

"Guess what," continues, "When I heard the news about the MacBook last night, 1 came up with a plan na. Lahat ng makita kong sarisari store, bibilhan ko ng Coke! Eh, sa dami ba naman ng sari-sari store sa barangay namin, ewan ko na lang kung hindi pa dumami ang chances ko to win! Basta excited na 'ko! And I will try my very best to find a winning crown!" exclaims the overwhelmed Yes Gang member. .

MacBook Supports All prozes can be claimed until November 29, 2007 Check your crowns NOW!

Is it your chance to say Yes! to a MacBook this week? If the message under your Coke crown is "YES, POWER ON!" then go ahead, with "Coke, Yes, Linggo-Linggo," say Yes to a

MacBook right now!

But if non-winning crowns are all you've got at the moment, just keep thoses YESes and never ever say no! Every week, there is a different winning Yes! message, because every week there is a different prize up for

So, what's stopping you? Just buy more Coke and look under the crown for the Yes! message. If it matches the winning message on this page and on the daily

grabs. Who knows, one

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Still can't get over the

MacBook this week?

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5:30pm announcements GMA and ABS-CBN, then Yes! you're a winner! .

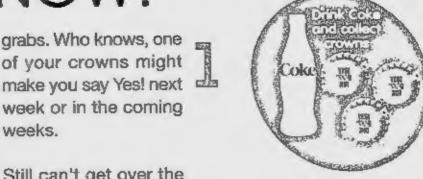
And Yes! You can also win instantly! Millions of Jollibee Meals (1-pc. Chickenjoy Meal, Jollibee Spaghetti Meal or Regular Yum Meal) to be given away under the crown.

es you win this MacBook if the message under your crown is:

### YOU CAN'T SAY NO TO THESE:

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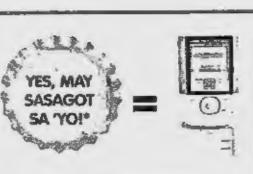
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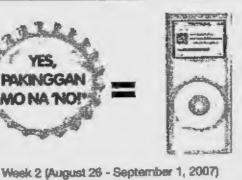






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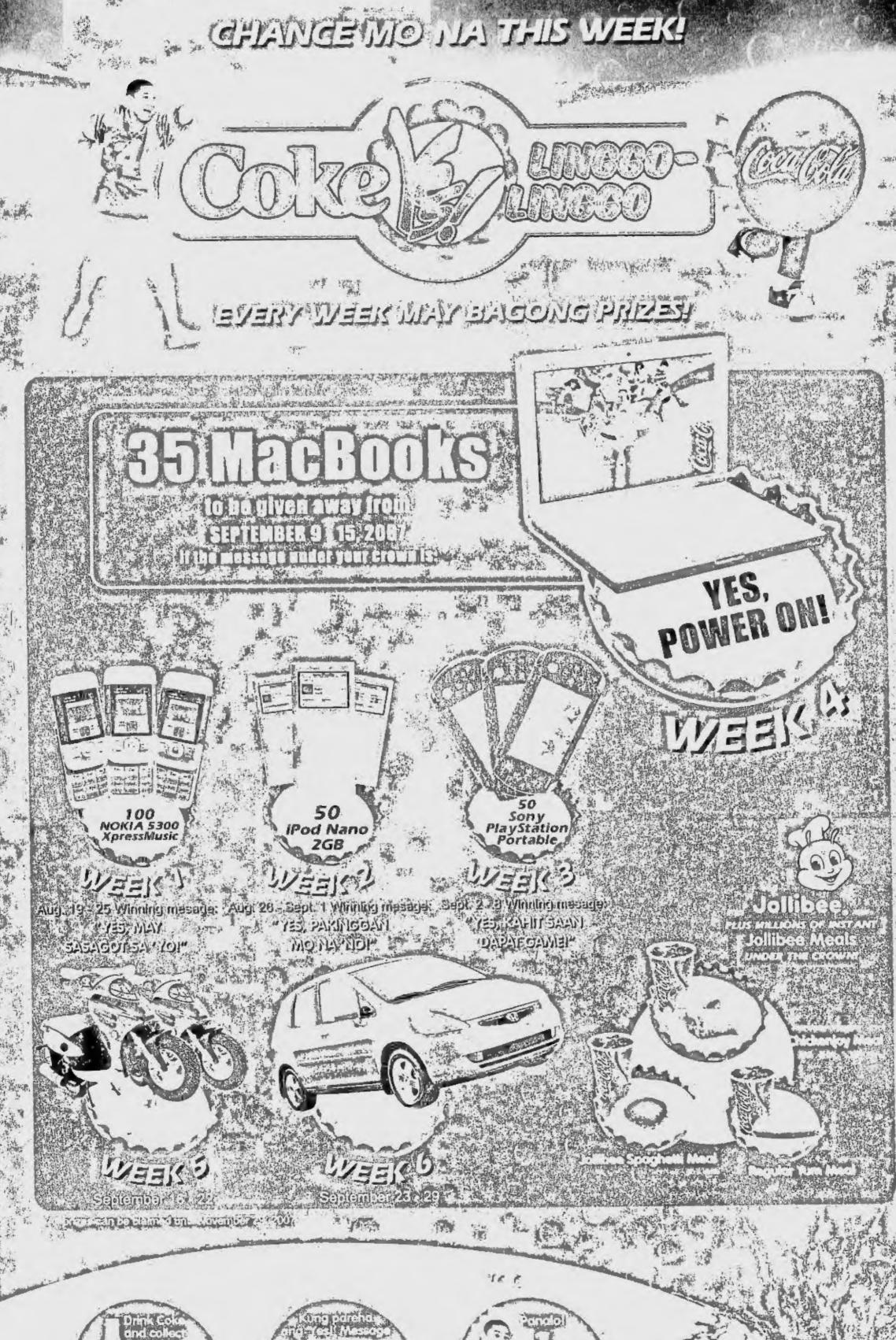








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### MAY 2 WAYS TO WIN. NAPAKADALING MANALO'T SUMALII

- Buy any participating Cole products (Cole. Sprite or Royal Box or 1202) with specially-marked Yes? Crowns Look under the crown to see the Yes? Message. Watch for the announcements of the winning Yes! Message of the week on GMA and ABS-CBN at 5:30pm daily, and on
- the Philippine Daily inquirer & inquirer Libre every Manday. If the winning 'Yes!' Message of the week matches the message under the crown, consumer wins the corresponding weekly prize.
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- Look for the 'Yes!' Message under the crown. If the Jolibbee Instant win message is under the crown,
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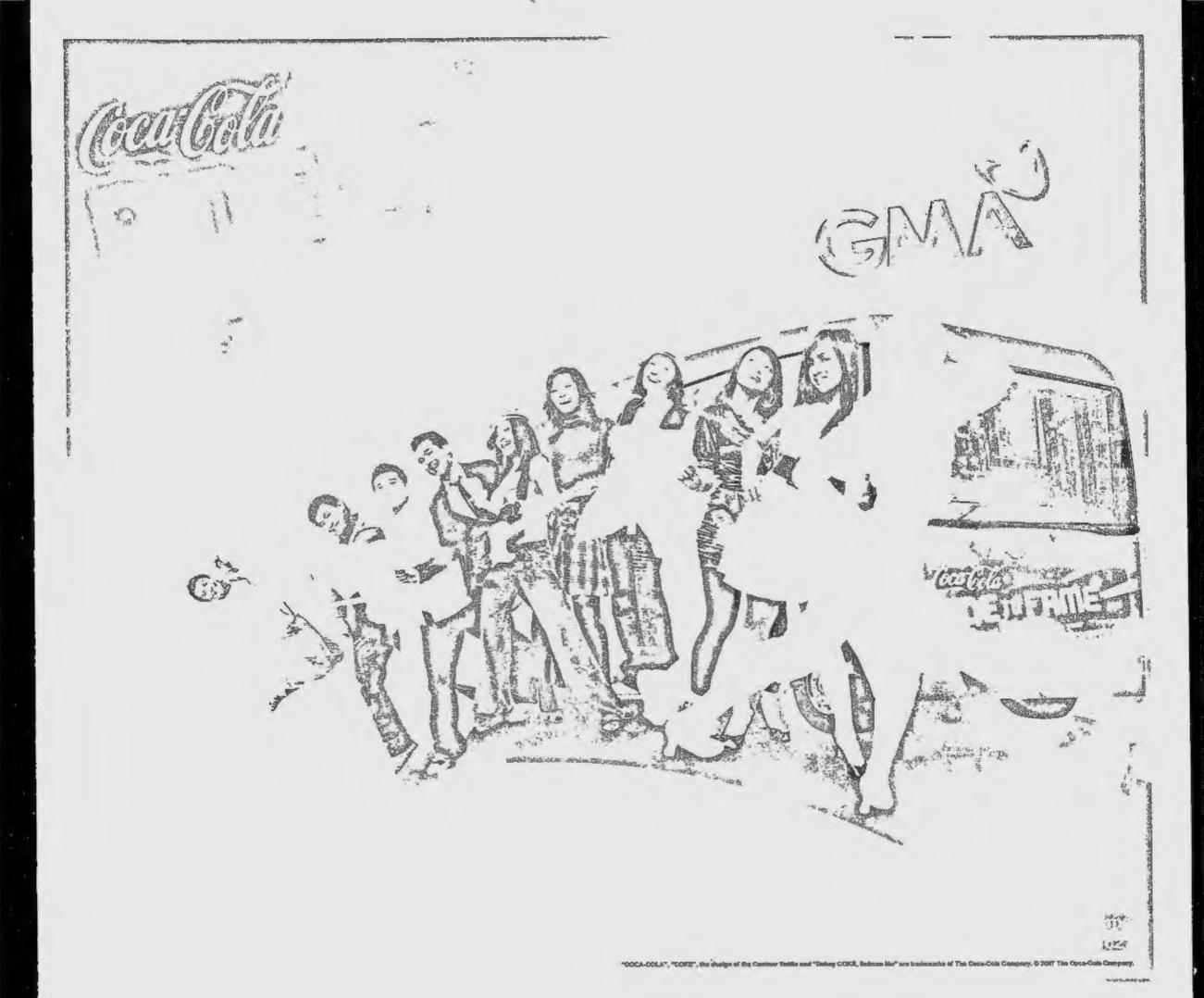
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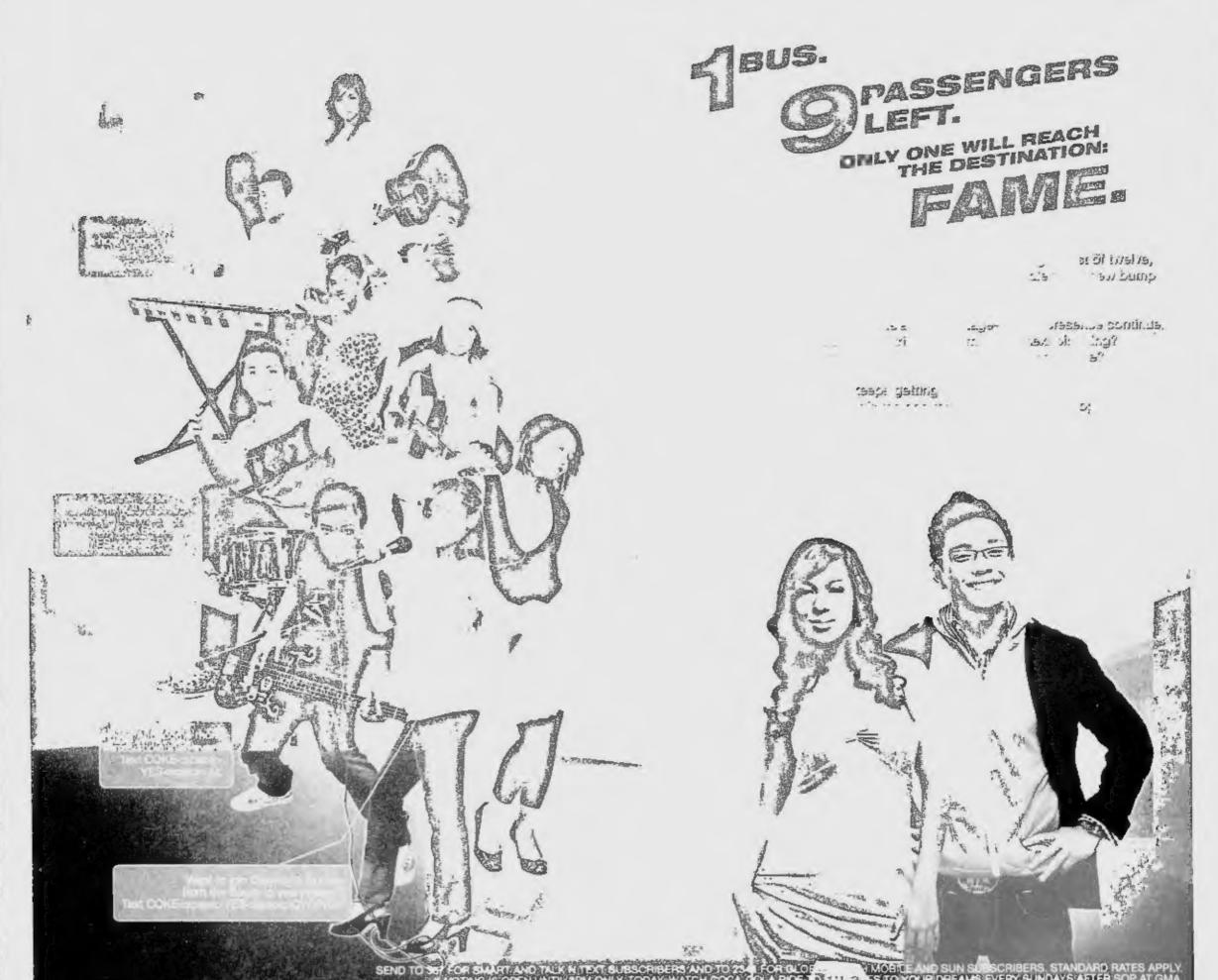


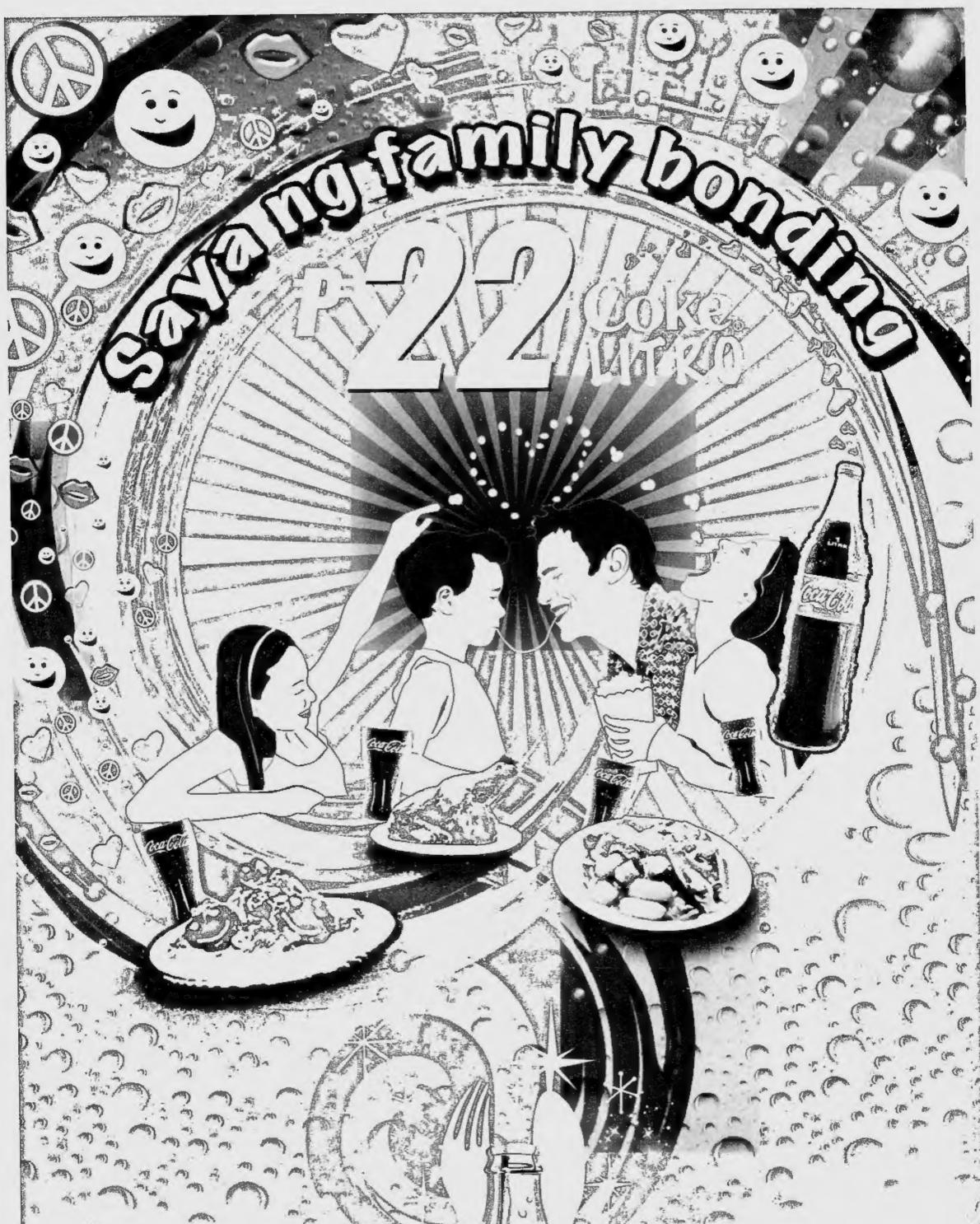












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